Prodromus:

OR, AN

Astrological Essay

UPON THOSE

CONFIGURATIONS

OF THE

Celestial Bodies,

Whose Effects will appear in 1680. and 1681. in some Kingdoms in *Europe*.

Which Predictions are drawn from the Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *December*, 1679. and the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *August*, 1680. And these Things considered, and Compared with

The Nativity of the Late Damnable

PLOT.

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TO THE READER.

Courteous Reader,

ALL Things which (we ſay) happen, are moulded in the Treaſury of Heaven, and brought forth in the Fullneſs of Time: 'Tis We, poor Mortals, who ſee but darkly: The God of Nature ſees exactly, both how and when all Things ſhall appear; which indeed, is his Prerogative alone.

I hope, none expects Divine Prophecy from my Pen; neither indeed do I, or any other Aſtrologer, pretend to it: For it is through the Optick-Glaſs of Experience, that they gain the Fore-ſight of Future Tranſactions. And therefore, what I have here written, is drawn from the Natural Principles of Aſtrology; and are Predictions, and not Prophecies: The Event of which, is a Comi-Tragedy, which will have a large Part of Europe, for its Theatre.

At the Writing hereof, every Man either hears or knows how the General Affairs of Europe ſtand; all Things, at preſent, appearing with a Face of Quietneſs: No Armys in the Field; nor any Probability of ſuch Things ſuddenly to happen. There are no Naval Preparations in Hand, at preſent; nor any Appearance. Holland is quiet;

neither doth any Enemy ſeem to point at that State: Neither is there any Quarrel begun, or any Breach of League, &c. upon which to build the Pretence of a War Brandenburgh, *and the* German *Dukes are, at preſent, in a Peaceable Poſture; no Signe of any New Difference among them. Let the* Reader *take notice of theſe Things; and not ſay, That we Write, when we ſee Things are begun, and Predict what the whole World ſees. I do not ſay, All theſe Places will be Concerned in the Effects of theſe Configurations, or that all Kingdoms ſhall War by Sea: The principal Weight and Burden ſhall lye upon Two or Three; and of them, will be* Holland

Theſe are the laſt Eminent Configurations, that will happen before the great Conjunction in Leo; *and will diſpoſe Men and Things into a Capacity, fit to receive the Influence, which that Conjunction will beſtow upon the World: Which, if* God *Almighty permit, I will ſpend my ſpare Time upon a ſmall Treatiſe, to inform theſe inquiring about the Effects thereof. In the mean time, I ſhall endeavour to approve my ſelf,*

From *James-Street*, next Door to the *King*'s Head, *Decemb.* the 2. 1679.

Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant,

John Patridge.

AN

AN *Astrological Judgment* Upon the Oppositions in *Decemb.* 1679. And the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *August*, 1680.

Astrology, as well as *Physick*, is but a Bundle of Experience; which the Industrious Observators have heaped up, as a Portion and Legacy to after Ages. It is Experience, that makes a Souldier Politick; and it is Experience, that makes Artificers Cunning; and it is Experience, that must make every Science Perfect: And in these *Astrological* Inquiries, there is as much to be Learned by the examining of past Transactions, and comparing Them with their Causes, as by any Me-

thod [Authentick Authors excepted] in the common way of Learning. And this is the way to improve our Antiquated Authors; whose Works lye as a Magazine and Store-House, first to Instruct, and then to Supply the Defect of our Memory; and without which, this Science, in particular, had been but a Cripple, which now injoyes a considerable Growth: whose Imperfections must serve for Spurs to every Ingenious Artist, to use his Endeavour to assist Truth in her Delivery of this Science, from the Chains of Error.

Vox audita perit, sed littera Scripta manebit.

Solomon sayes, *There is no New Thing under the Sun*; and we all believe it to be true, because we see, when we have made one Revolution, we begin again; still moving in the same Circle: *Nihil dictum quod non dictum prius.* Hence we may draw this Conclusion; That if there is no New Thing under the *Sun*, then there hath been Conjunctions, Squares, and Oppositions of *Saturn* and *Mars*, from the Beginning; and that they have had a share in the past Transactions of Human Affairs, as Wars, Contentions, Disturbances, Murders, &c. In Human Signes, they cause Murders, and Quarrels of all kinds: In Equinoctial and Tropical Signs, Wars, Invasions, &c. In double-Bodyed Signes, they produce Villainy of several kinds; as Treachery, Perjury, De-

Deceit, &c. according to the Nature of that part of Heaven, where the Conjunction or Aſpect happens; and according to the Nature of him, who is ſtrongeſt at ſuch a time.

If there are any ſuch *Nullifidians* in *Aſtrology*, who will queſtion, and alſo disbelieve theſe Things, as I doubt not, but ſuch there are, [For Truth muſt be oppoſed ſometimes] I ſhall only refer them to the Experiment of the Effects, of the laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Gemini*, the Laſt Day of *July*, 1678. *Saturn* being there the Stronger of the Two; he having in that Signe, a Triplicity, and he in his own Terms too: Yet *Mars* having leſs *South*-Latitude than *Saturn*, was Elevated above him; which, in this kind of Judgment, I take to be Material. Hence if we conſider the Place of that Conjunction, *Gemini*, the Dignities of *Mercury*, and alſo the Nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*, in that Signe; any one but moderately Learned in this Science, will be ready to atteſt, that the Effects were Natural.

Theſe, and ſuch like Configurations, *Aſtrologically* conſidered, would much advance this worthy Inquiry; and alſo inform our Adverſaries, that the Stars do not move in vain; neither is their Motion without Effect upon our Bodies and Actions: For there is no Motion in the World, but it hath its *a quo* and *ad Quem* And therefore, it moves, in order to ſome particular Effect; as a Learned *Phyloſopher* well obſerves,

Datus est rebus motus, ob Generationem, Alitionem, & Tempus. For it is plain, that nothing can be Generated without Compoſition, nor nothing Compounded without Coition, nor any Copulation without Motion; neither is there any Action without Motion. Nay, in time alſo, that there might be a Meaſure of the Duration of Things, *God* made two great Lights, to meaſure out our Dayes by Motion: For take away from the World, but the *Sun*, *Moon*, and *Stars*, and we ſhall know nothing, either of *what*, *where*, or *when*: and indeed, there would be neither *Eſſe* nor *Poſſe*. So profitable a thing is Motion; which the Learned Author of the *Sylva Sylvarum*, well knew; as may be ſeen by *Cent.* 4. *Exper.* 344.

Hence it may be judged, that while there is Motion, there muſt be Action; becauſe the Latter is the Natural Conſequence of the Former: So that, our thinking Adverſaries may conſider, whether the *Stars*, who are the Stewards of Time and Motion, ought not to be the Authors of Action, which is the Natural Effect of both.

Now, if they are the Cauſe of Action and Paſſion, then they ſhew their Ignorance and Folly, in taking ſuch Pains to deny and oppoſe it. —— But if they are not the Cauſe of thoſe Things, then, Why are they ſo angry with us for believing it; and take ſuch pains in writing Volums againſt that which they underſtand not; pretending to inform the Ignorant, when they them-

themſelves are the Men?

The quarrelſome Curr lying in the Manger, ſnap't at the Horſes Noſe: The patient Beaſt would have given him Thanks for his Abſence; But ſuch was the Malice of this Obſtreperous Curr, that he would neither eat Hay himſelf, nor let the Horſe eat any.

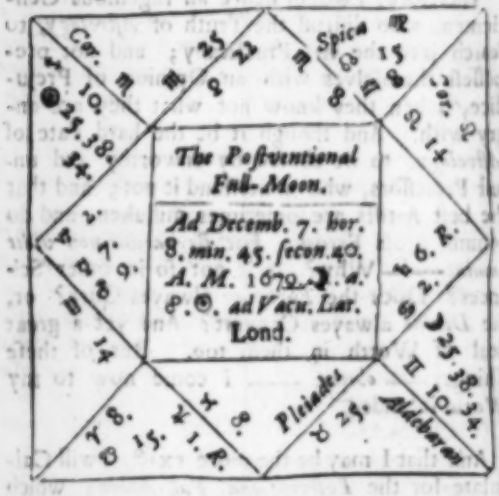
Therefore, I would deſire all Ingenious Gentlemen, who diſtruſt the Tryth of *Aſtrology*, to ſearch into the Art Practically; and not preposſeſs themſelves with an Opinion of Prejudice, when they know not what they are angry with. And though it be the hard Fate of *Aſtrology*, to be abuſed by unworthy and unjuſt Profeſſors, who underſtand it not; and that the beſt Artiſts are ſometimes miſtaken, and do commit groſs Errors: For *Bernardus non vidit omnia.* —— Why? Is it not ſo in other Sciences? Does the *Phyſician* alwayes Cure? or, the *Divine* alwayes Convert? And yet a great deal of Worth in them too. But of theſe Things, —— *obiter.* —— I come now to my Work intended.

And that I may be the more exact, I will Calculate for the *Poſtventional Full Moon*, which is the neareſt *Lunation* to this *Oppoſition* of *Saturn* and *Mars*: And that happens in the *Meridian* of *London*, *December* the 6*th*. *Hor.* 20. *Min.* 45. *Secon.* 40. *P. M.* 1679.

Med.

Med. Mot.	☉ 8. 26. 1. 56.	2. 21. 11. 29. *Med. Mot.*	☽
Apog.	☉ 3. 6. 50. 4.	8. 0 12. 4. *Anomal.*	☽
Equat. Sub.	23. 22.	4. 27. 5. *Equat. ad.*	
Locus	☉ 8. 25. 38. 34.	2. 25. 38. 34. *Loc. Evn.*	☽

And to this Time and Calculation, the Figure following is Erected.



This Subject of this Discourse being the Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, it will be most material, to give a general Account of the Nature and Signification of *Saturn* and *Mars*, as they are here posited in the Figure of this *Lunation*;

nation; and that may ſerve as a Radical Foundation for the reſt of the Judgment.

Saturn is *Altiſſimus Planetarum*, the Higheſt of the Planets: And therefore, if ever the Cabal of the Stars are brought into a *Romiſh* Order, *Saturn* will doubtleſs claim the Title of Provincial; and then you know his next Preferment.

He is the great Patron of Antiquities, of Solitude, and Gravity: He is Reſerved, Crafty, Envious, and Melancholly; and perſonates all kind of Sectaries, and People of Evil Principles, *Jews Jeſuits*, *Monks*, *Fryars*, &c. And in this Figure, he is in the Dignities of *Jupiter*, the Patron of Religion, and in Sextile with him too: By which means, *Saturn* takes upon him ſome grave Pretence of Religion; or rather, perſonates ſome Hypocritical grave Pretenders thereunto, of thoſe Qualities of Men before-mentioned. —— But perhaps, you may ask me, What *Jeſuits*, *Monks*, and *Fryars*, do with Religion? — Why? I will tell you, —— They uſe it as Robbers do their Swords, to cut their Neighbours Throats; or, as Souldiers do their Weapons, to Conquer, and then Tyrannize: Make the Secular Power uſeleſs; pull down one Prince, and ſet up another: and laſtly, ſet an overgrown Biſhop above all.

But *Saturn* being in the Seventh, and in *Sextile* with *Jupiter*, will give ſeveral Debates about Religion; and doth perſonate all quarrelſome Pretenders thereunto: For the Seventh Houſe,

is the House of Difference and Contention. And at the Subsequent Ingress of the *Sun* into *Capricorn*, *Saturn* is got into the Horoscope, in Opposition to the *Sun*, in the Seventh: The Horoscope hath Signification of the Commonalty in general. Here *Saturn* labours to poison them too. —— Oh, the Industry of some! —— Pray *God* preserve us from another *Jesuitical Scotch* Rebellion!

Mars when well dignified, as he is now, signifies all bold open breasted, generous Souls, such as love to do Acts of Justice with Prudence and Courage. And as he is Lord of the Tenth, he personates Great and Noble Men; and as he is in the Horoscope, in Trine of *Jupiter*: Both which together, are Lords of the Eleventh. Hence in General, he signifies the Commonalty of Kingdoms; But in particular, those Honest, Worthy, Generous Gentlemen, the *House of Commons*, in the *English Parliament*; that Bulwark against *Popery*, and Terror to Tyranny. And as he is in Trine with *Jupiter*, and Conjunction with *Mercury*, [at this Opposition] so will they use their utmost Endeavours, to secure his Majesty from the Treachery of Villains; and his Subjects from *Popish* Subversions.

At this Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, the *Moon* is here near her own place, [at the last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*] in Opposition to the *Sun*, who is not far distant from the Place of that Conjunction: and *Jupiter* also here,

in

a square to the Place of *Mars* there. This shews, that the Residue of the Effects of that Conjunction, do hasten to be accomplished, and usher'd into the World by the Assistance of these Oppositions: And this seems the more Credible, if we consider, that *Mercury* is here in Conjunction with *Mars*; who was then in square to *Mars*, from *Scorpio* and *Leo*.

Here *Mars* Consults with *Mercury*, as a Politician; to whom *Jupiter* also lends his slender Assistance: It is about Peace, Justice, and Priviledges; because *Mercury* separated last from a Trine of *Jupiter*, and the Opposition of *Saturn* in the Seventh: And now applyes to the Body of *Mars*; who promiseth himself great Success, because he hath the Friendly Rayes of *Jove*, and he not far from the Trine of the *Sun*: And also, when *Mercury* separates from *Mars*, he applyes next to the Sextile of *Venus*, and the Lady of the Ninth and Fourth Houses. Hence is expected great Matters, and Things go on, for some time, to every ones Content; and there is, indeed, some probability of Incouragement from these Things. —— Yet it is all but *Deceptio visus*: For whatsoever are the Grand Consultations of Kingdoms at this time, and under the Influence of these Configurations, will be without Effect: For the *Moon*, who hath Dignities in the Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh, is in Aspect with none, (the Opposition of the *Sun* excepted). And when the *Sun* comes to the

Trine

Trine of *Jupiter*, and Conjunction of *Mars*, *Saturn* is then in Oppoſition to them both, from *Angles*; and *Jupiter*, who is Cadent, is as well in *Sextile* to *Saturn*, as *Trine* to *Mars*. So that, thoſe ſignified by *Jupiter*, will be rather found betraying Truſt and Councils, than a Promoter of Amity and Friendſhip: And in all Countries, where Differences are, when they ſeem neareſt to a Reconciliation, they will on a ſudden be confuſedly quaſh't again. And all procured by the Means of *Saturn*'s Oppoſition; that is by Treachery and Villainy. And perhaps, where there are Twelve Diſciples preſent, it will be no hard matter, to find a *Popiſh Judas* in the midſt of them. I queſtion not, but *Popiſh* Deſignes will be as buſy in *England*, as ever they were: For there can be nothing more like a *Jeſuitical* Deſigne, than *Saturn* in *Cancer*, the Dignities of *Jupiter*. But let them go on, if they think it worth their while; the End will be bitter.

At the *Brumal* Ingreſs, *Saturn* is in the Horoſcope, in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, in the Seventh, and he Lord of the Fourth Houſe; and the *Moon*, who diſpoſeth of *Saturn*, is in *Leo*, in ſquare to *Venus*; and *Mercury*, Lord of the Fifth and Firſt Houſes, is in the Eighth afflicted by *Mars*: This ſhould ſhew the Breach of ſome Old League, or the changing of ſome antient, known Cuſtom; and that by ſuch a one, as the *Sun* in the Seventh perſonates; going to a Conjunction of *Mars*, upon the Cuſp of the Eighth.

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In whatsoever Country this is undertaken, it will be attended with much Sorrow: For in this our Figure, *Saturn* and *Mars* are both Angular in Opposition; and in the Figure of the Ingress, *Saturn*, and the *Sun*, are both angular, and in Opposition also. The Countries and Cities under *Cancer* and *Capricorn*, are threatned with some unhappy Difference; and those are *Holland*, *Scotland*, *Zealand*, and divers Places subject to the *German* Princes. I shall omit a Figure of the *Suns* Entrance into *Capricorn*, in this place; because I have already done it in my *Almanack* for 1680.

Haly, *Bonatus*, and other *Astrologers*, say, When the *Infortunes* are Angular in a Revolutional Figure, and behold each other, *&c.* with all Rays, they usually presage Years of Trouble, in some Part of *Europe*. —— And that this will be at this time about Religion, and Men pretending thereunto, is visible from *Saturn*; who hath Dignities in the Nineth: and he also in *Cancer*, the Dignities of *Jupiter*, in the Seventh, in Opposition to *Mars*: And at the *Winter* Ingress, he is Lord of the Eight, Nineth, and Tenth Houses; and in Opposition to the *Sun*, Lord of the Fourth. —— Here will be more Plotting, and Contriving to advance the *Romish* Perswasion; But how Fruitless the Conclusion will prove, let those concerned in it observe: For before a few Years are past, the Cheats of *Rome* will be so well known, that they will be detested

detested by all knowing Men; and he that shall speak most Candidly of that Faith, must acknowledge it to be but a Pageant of Religion, and a Political Juggle, to maintain the Idleness of *Religious Orders*. And to this purpose, I find a Pathetical Paragraph offered by the Author of the *Vocal Forrest*; he there calling *Rome* by the Name of *PETROPOLIS*. His Words are these: ———

And as Petropolis, *at her first Rise, when she came to be Mistriss of the Fourth Monarchy, and was at her Highest Flourish, used to clip the Wings of Victory, that she could not flye away from her: So she would have done to Religion also, since the* Ivy *came to be her Lord, that it should be found no where but between her Walls; which made all the World have Recourse to her, as to the sole* Oracle *of sacred Truth, the Source of saving Knowledge, and Consistory of Mercy. And going about to Monopolize Religion by these Steps, she made Merchandize of Holy Things, and grew to be an Excellent Chymist, that could Transmute Lead into Gold: Perswading the silly Client, that out of that Lead, he might make Keys to open Heaven Gates. Thus Religion got Wealth, Piety begot Policy; and then the Daughters were said to devour their Mothers.*

The Last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* was in *Gemini*, the Ascendant of *London*, and a Human Signe also; whose Effects are in force, till the time of this Opposition, which is in all 490.

Dayes.

Dayes. And what hath been the Effects of that *Conjunction*, almoſt every one can witneſs: Thoſe laſt paſt, have been the Afflictions of *England*; But theſe Configurations now approaching, ſeem to concern divers other Kingdoms beſides; as *Holland*, *Flanders*, *France*, *Germany*, &c.

It is agreed to by all *Aſtrologers*, that Tropical Signes are more violent, and full of Action, than the other Parts of Heaven are: Which, if ſo, then the Effects depending upon theſe Configurations, muſt be the more Popular and General; raiſing Differences about Priviledges, popular Clamors againſt Offenders; and that more than uſual too. —— For thoſe Stars, who are only concern'd in this Judgment, is *Saturn*, *Mars*, and the *Sun*. The *Sun* perſonates Great and Noble Men: *Saturn* is the Author of Plots, Treacheries, Deceipts, &c. And *Mars* ſhews Men of Courage, and Officers in the Penal Laws. —— Again; *Saturn* ſhews obſcure Perſons, and Men of ill Deſignes: The *Sun* is the Author of all Diſcoveries; and *Mars* ſhews Acts of Hoſtility and Blood. For *Saturn* and *Mars* are, by their proper Natures, the only Authors of Deſtruction; or, to ſpeak more Philoſophically, the Phyſical Ferment in Starry Influences.

At the *Preventional New-Moon*, all the Planets were under the Earth, except *Saturn*; and He is Retrograde in the Eighth Houſe, in aſpect with none but *Jupiter*; He being Retrograde in the Sixth, and both of them Cadent. This ſtill

confirms the former Doctrine; and shews, that some Men of a despicable Fortune, shall bring themselves into an ill Condition; nay, to their *Ultimum Vale:* Having acted unjust Things; not regarding either Prudence or Honesty.

Saturn is Lord of the Horoscope, at the *Post-ventional Full-Moon*, and Retrograde in the Seventh in *Cancer*, his Detriment, in Opposition to *Mars*, Lord of the Tenth House. Many receive the Sentence of the *Judge*, in order to their Execution: Others are doom'd to a long Imprisonment; because the *Moon* is in the Sixth, in Opposition to the *Sun*, in the Twelfth House: and he being Lord of the Eighth, shews, some of them shall Dye in their Confinement.

The Sum of All is: That we are likely to be in danger by *Popish* Designes, though [I hope, by the Blessing of *God*] without Effect; with Plots and Contrivances against the Religion, and Government; with other Inventions of the Emissaries of *Rome*. I shall, in Modesty, spare to speak my Opinion, in particular, of the Affairs of *January* next ensuing, together with the Effects of *March* and *April*. —— For in those Countries where there is War, there will be all kind of Violence acted greedily: But where there is no War, these Effects will be spent in Contentions about State-Affairs. —— I hope, that great Consultation about *June* or *July*, will tend to the Peace of *Europe*, and to reduce all into a quiet Posture again. —— Yet the Stars say,

ſay, *No!* *Holland* ſeems to be threatned with Diviſions, and Inundations; and, ere the Effects of theſe Configurations are over, an unhappy War. *France* is divided in their Councils: Yet at laſt, they provide for War, both by Sea and Land. *Germany*, and *Spain*, manage their Affairs but ill; and are ſtill declining. *Flanders* begins to apprehend her ſelf in danger of Hoſtility. And indeed, the general Affairs of *Europe*, are at a ſtand: and the great Councils of Kingdoms, are driven to their *Ne plus ultra*. — So Dubious are the Affairs of *Europe*, at this time!

Convocations, *Diets*, *Councils*, &c. meet, to uſe their Endeavors, to ſettle Affairs, if poſſible, *ſed timeo*. Hence the Actions of this *Winter*, and the *Spring* following, will be but Preparatives in *Europe*, for the Effects that will ſucceed the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Auguſt*, 1680. And therefore, I ſhall be the ſhorter upon theſe Things; and inlarge my ſelf the more, when I come to ſpeak of That.

Saturn, being Lord of the Firſt and Second Houſes, in Oppoſition to *Mars*, ſhews, The Commonalty in general, will receive many Damages and Loſſes, in their publick Affairs; according to their divers wayes of dealing. *Saturnus in ♋. ſignificat multiplicationem aquarum & pluviarum*; Sayes *Bonatus*: *It ſignifies abundance of Rain*; *whence will be produced great Inundations*, &c. And this is the rather confirmed,

becauſe *Saturn* hath South Latitude. *Et erit impedimentum in aqua ex naufragio, & ex fractione navium, periclitabuntur peregrinantes in aquis, morientur animalia aquæ*; Sayes *Albumazar*: *There ſhall be Loſſes by Water, by reaſon of Shipwrack, and breaking of Ships; and thoſe that Travel by Water, ſhall be in great danger; and there ſhall be a Mortality among thoſe Creatures, which Live in, and upon the Water.*

Capricorn, the Signe in which *Mars* is, is a *Quadrupedum* Signe, or one ſignifying a Four-footed Beaſt. Hence we may well and rationally judge, That there will enſue a Murrain among ſmall Cattle, in general; and a Rot among Sheep, in particular; and that before this *Winter* be ended too. Alſo, the latter part of the *Winter*, will be cold, wet, and very unkind Weather; from the great Power of *Saturn*, being Angular: and perhaps, he may give a durable Froſt too, if *Mars* his Rayes do not prevent it. *Saturn*, Lord of the Aſcendant, in Oppoſition to *Mars* from Angles; and the *Moon* in the Sixth, in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, Lord of the Eighth: To which, we may add *Mercury*, Lord of the Aſcendant, at the *Brumal* Ingreſs; who both in that Figure, and in this, is afflicted of *Mars*. Hence we may conclude, That the *Winter* is like to prove Sickly: And, as *Saturn* is in *Cancer*, a Signe which ſignifyes the *Breaſt*, and *Thorax*, with the *Lungs*, &c. So many will be afflicted with *Coughs*, *Catarrhs*,

tarrhs, *Defluxions* of *Rheume*, with Pains and Obſtructions, in thoſe Parts: as alſo, *Diarrheas*, and *Fluxes* of the *Belly*; becauſe he Governs that Part alſo, by his being in *Cancer*; as you may ſee, *Vade Mecum*, *pag.* 31.

I thought to have inſiſted upon the *Eclipſe* of the *Sun*, in *March*, 1680. But finding, that by reaſon the *Moons* Latitude, and Parallax, are both of one Denomination, *i. e. South*, the *Eclipſe* will be inconſiderable at *London*, [although a very great *Eclipſe*, in the *Southern* Parts of the World] And therefore, I do omit both the Calculation, and Judgment thereof, in this Place; and ſay this only, That thoſe Kingdoms and Countries, ſubject to *Aries*, *Cancer*, *Libra*, and *Capricorn*, will be moſt concerned therein. Yet, as it falls in exact Square to theſe Oppoſitions, and the Conjunction following; ſo it will irritate, and ſharpen their Effects. And ſo I end my Judgment upon the Oppoſitions; and come next, to the Conjunction in *Auguſt*, 1680.

And firſt, Let me give you the Calculation of that Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, from Mr. *Gadbury*'s Tables, in his *Doctrine of Nativities*: By which Tables it happeneth, *Auguſt* the 20. *hor.* 17. *min.* 20. *ſecon.* 30. *mane.* 1680. At which time, the *Sun*'s Place is after 5. 7. 24. 27. and his *Logarithm.* 500367.

Paradigma Saturni.		Paradigma Martis.	
	S. D. M. S.	S. D. M. ♊.	
Med. mot. ♄	3.12.42.24.	2.10.13.59.	*Med. mot.* ♂
Apog. Satur.	8.28.31.21.	5. 0 44.28.	*Apog.* ♂
Anomal. ♄	6.14.11 3.	9. 9.29.31.	*Anoma.* ♂
Equat. ad	1.41.19.	10.11.47.	*Equa. add.*
Locus Eccen.	3.14.20.43.	2.20.25.46.	*Loc. Eccen.* ♂
Nod. Satur.	3.21. 5.14.	1.17.48.34.	*Nod. Martis*
Argu. Lat.	11.23.21 29.	1. 2.37.12.	*Argu. Lat.*
Reduc. ad.	24.	49.	*Reduc. Sub.*
Loc. Eclip. ♄	3.14.27. 7.	2.20.24.57.	*Loc. Eclip.* ♂
Loc. Solis.	5. 7.24.27.	5. 7.24.27.	*Loc. Solis.*
Anom. Orb.	1.22.57.20.	2.16.59.30.	*Anom. Orb.*
Dimidum	26.28.40.	1. 8 29.45.	*Dimidum.*
Elong. Sub.	1.18.10.15.	1.18.10.15.	*Elong. Sub.*
Loc. Solis.	5. 7.24.27.	5. 7.24.27.	*Locus Solis.*
Loc. ♄ *Ver.*	3 19.14.12.	3.19.14.12.	*Loc.* ♂ *Ver.*
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Logar. ♄ *Cur.*	595469.	519280.	*Logar.* ♂. *Cur.*
Tang. 6.23.13.	904898.	981087. 32.54.4.	*Tang.*
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Ta. Co. 51.23.13.	990236.	933114. 77.54.4.	*Ta. Co.*
Di. ā. o. 26.28.40.	969731.	990053. 38.29.45	*Di. or.*
Tang. 21.41.35.	959967.	923167. 9.40.30	*Tang.*
Elong. 48.10.15.		48.10.15.	*Elon.*
Lat. ♄. *South.*	0 18.27.	*Lat.* ♂. *Nov.*	0 19.49.

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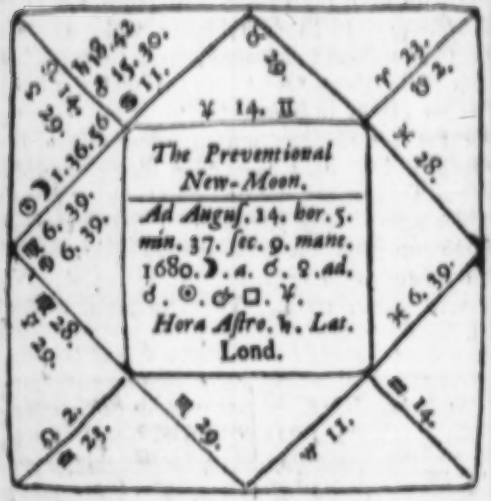
It hath been the Practice of ſome Profeſſors of *Aſtrology*, to Erect a Figure to the Time of the Conjunction Calculated: But I muſt diſſent from thoſe Men's Opinions; as well knowing, that no Tables in being, are ſo true, as to exhibit the true Conjunction to a determinate Horoſcope: For their Motion is ſlow; and the beſt of Tables, are not perfect; neither do any Tables agree. And therefore, I ſhall draw my Judgment from the *Preventional New-Moon*; which happens *Auguſt* the 14. *hor.* 5 *min.* 37. *ſecon.* 9. *mane.* 1680. The Operation followeth.

Med. Mot. ☉ 5.3.17.20	4.26.42 16. *Med. Mot.* ☽	
Apog. ☉ 3.6 50 54	9. 7.45.55. *Axomal.* ☽	
Equat. Sub. 1.40.54.	4.54.40. *Equat. Ad.*	
Locus Solis. 5. 1.36.50.	5.1.36.50. *Loc. Eccen.* ☽	

And from the Time of this Operation, is the Figure following Erected: From which Figure, I ſhall deduct my Judgment.



I do not remember, that any Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* ever fell in this Degree of *Cancer* before; [possibly it may have been, but I cannot remember any] And therefore, I shall draw no Arguments from former Examples, in that Part of *Cancer*: The neareſt that have happened to it, are theſe following. *Anno*, 1534. *May* the 3*d*. there was a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, in Twenty-two Degrees of *Cancer*. *Anno*, 1592. there was another in the Thirteenth Degree, *June* the Seventh. *Anno*, 1622. *July* the

the 9th. there was another Conjunction of the ſame Stars, in the Twenty fifth Degree of *Cancer*. But the Laſt Conjunction, that theſe two Stars made in this Signe, happened in the Eighth Degree, *Anno* 1650. *July* the 18th. there having been a Conjunction in *Gemini*, *Anno* 1648. which uſhered in the Effects of theſe angry Stars. This Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Cancer*, never happeneth but once in Thirty Years: So that, the next that happeneth, will be in the Year 1710.

This Conjunction now falleth in the Nineteenth Degree of *Cancer*, very near the Stars of *Hercules*; they having *North*-Latitude, and near the *Ecliptick*, and of the Nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*; *Vis unita fortior*. —— *Johannes Angelus* repreſents this Degree, by a Man holding a Spear in one Hand, and a Pipe in the other; and ſayes, It ſignifies a Stage-Player: If he had ſaid, a State-Player, it would have ſuited much better to this Conjunction, and Conſtellation at this time. *Saturn* hath *South* Latitude, and *Mars* hath *North*; therefore, *Mars* will be Elevated above *Saturn*; as may be obſerved by any one, who can diſtinguiſh Burning *Iron*, from new Caſt *Lead*. Hence it may be judged, that *Saturn* is like to pay for his Sins, and for being a Sinner too: For here is *Mars* in his Fall, yet in his Triplicity; and *Saturn* in his Detriment, and wholly Peregrine. Hence *Mars* is the ſtronger; and therefore, *Saturn* muſt be Obedient, although

although it be to do Miſchief. Hence, according to the Opinion of *Cardan*, *Mars* is Lord of this Conjunction: Whoſe Words are theſe. *In omni Planetarum Conjunctione, eum Planetam Dominatorem conſtitue, qui ſublimior fuerit in Eccentrico, & parvo Circulo; & qui in loco plures habuerit Dignitates, & qui plures Stellas ſuæ naturæ ſimiles habuerit:* Seg. 2. Apho. 189. *In every Conjunction of the Planets conſtitute him Lord; who is the Higher in the Eccentrick, and little Circle; and who hath moſt Dignities in the place of the Conjunction, and who hath moſt Stars of his own Nature near him.*

Now, with theſe Things, let us conſider the Figure of the *Prevential New-Moon*; in which, we ſhall find *Jupiter* upon the Place of the *Moon*, at the Conjunction in 1663. and in Oppoſition to the Place of that Conjunction alſo: and the *Sun* there, in Quartile to the Place of this Conjunction. And in this Figure, both the *Sun* and *Moon* are applying to the Quadrate of that Conjunction, and to the Quartile of *Jupiter*, in this Figure; who are all in the Dignities of *Mercury*.

At this *Prevential New-Moon*, the Houſes of *Mercury* poſſeſs the two Prime Angles of Heaven: And *Mercury* no ſooner enters *Libra*, in Reception with *Venus*, but he falls Retrograde; as if ſome Eminent *Mercurialiſt*, did Repent himſelf of ſomething he hath very lately done.

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Here's ſacred *Jove* hath the Chance to be Lord of the Fourth and Seventh Houſes; and he in the Tenth, in his Detriment, and almoſt Peregrine: Which ſhews, that the Sons of *Jupiter*, are troubleſome to ſome Royal Courts in *Europe*. The Fourth Houſe is oppoſite to the Tenth, which is the Houſe of Dignity and Honor; and the Seventh is oppoſite to the Firſt, which perſonates the Commonalty in general. And here's Grave *Jove* Confronts them both. This makes the Tribe of *Levi* to be evil ſpoken of, by their Enemies. — Alas, poor *Jupiter*! — Four Planets in the Dignities of *Mercury*, produceth ſtrong Debates, back't with forcible Arguments: And all, about Things relating to the Second, Fourth, and Seventh Houſes. — What! More *Mercurial* Wars ſtill? — Out upon the ſtubborn, crafty *Mercurialiſts*!

Saturn is Lord of the Eighth, from the Tenth; and in Conjunction with *Mars*, in the Second, from the Tenth; and he Lord of the Eleventh. Here's more crafty Cheats diſcovered: But ill-got Gold never thrives. He that loſeth his Reputation for a little Money, takes up his Croſs, and goes the wrong way. Thus Gold hath a Tayl of Miſery, as well as Convenience; which *Cowley* thus obſerves:

Gold begets in Brethren, Hate;
Gold in Families, Debate.
Gold doth Friendſhip ſeperate:
Gold doth Civil Wars create.

Mars

Mars hath Dignities in the Eighth and Nineth Houſes of Heaven; and the *Moon* haſteneth to the Quartile of *Jupiter*, Lord of the Eighth, in the Tenth. Theſe Poſitions give more Diſcoveries of *Popiſh* Treacheries and Treaſons: And theſe Diſcoveries are attended with the Common Conſequences of ſuch Villainies; *i. e.* Executions.

The Eleventh Houſe, in which *Mars* and *Saturn* are, ſignifies the Aſſiſtance and Allies of Princes: Which, if ſo, then thoſe Princes of *Europe*, whoſe Nativities ſimpathize with this Figure, or thoſe who are more immediately concern'd in the Effects hereof; will have their more weighty Buſineſs (which depends upon Councils, and Conſultations) fruitleſs, by reaſon of long Debates and Differences; ſome of which are raiſed, on purpoſe to do Miſchief; and that by pretended Friends too. For, Is not *Mars* almoſt wholly Lord of the Eleventh, from the Tenth; and in Conjunction with *Saturn*, in the Second, from the Tenth! Oh, the Perfidiouſneſs of falſe Friends!

All Men ſignifyed by *Saturn*, will be Naturally Enemies to every State: So that, their Councils [though well deſign'd] will have an ill Conſequence, for ſome time. —— But all thoſe Men, whoſe Profeſſions are under *Saturn*, will be dangerous to States and Kingdoms, if not Ruinous: And ſuch Men, I take to be the *Romiſh Clergy*, in general; and all others of their Prin-

Principles. —— The Reaſon's plain: For *Saturn* is Lord of the Seventh and Eighth, from the Tenth; and the *Moon*, who diſpoſeth of him, applyes to the Square of *Jupiter*, in the Tenth; and he naturally, a Significator of Juſtice, and Juſt Men. Hence it will be *Saturn*'s Buſineſs, and Deſigne, to build his Intereſt upon other Men's Ruine and Deſtruction. Now there will be *ſome* very buſie again, in buying of Intereſt, in wheedling the Ignorant, and converting [*alias*, confounding] the Simple; in making Proſelytes, in contriving Maſſacres; and all, to purchaſe a Kingdom: And being catch'd, [for their own Security] accuſe Innocent Perſons, and out-face Juſtice with a Lye. But for their *Popiſh* Lyes, I do refer the *Reader* to that well-done Collection, Compiled and Gathered from their own Words, by my Ingenious and Worthy Friend, Mr. *Butler*; now ready for the Preſs.

I do not ſay, The *Catholicks* have a Deſigne to Ruine the *Proteſtants*, and Subvert the Government of this Kingdom. But ſince the whole Nation fears it, the Opinion of Two Parliaments confirms it, and our Wiſe and Loyal Council believes it; I think, he is no true *Proteſtant*, nor true Bred *Engliſh*-Man, who will not be of their Opinion: Eſpecially, if we conſider their former Villainies. —— The *Burnt Child, dreads the Fire.* —— But what ever their Expectations are, in order to the ſetting up of *Popery* in *England*, I leave to themſelves, to con-

consider: Yet this I say, That the Influence of this Conjunction, will be spent chiefly upon the *Popish* Cause in *England*. And furthermore, I dare boldly Predict from the Influence of this Conjunction, That before this Storm is over, *Popery* will receive a total Downfal in *England*; and that all their Devices against the *Protestant* Cause, shall not succeed. —— And to this purpose, we have the Divine Assertion of the *Almighty*; when he sayes, That *No Weapon, formed against* Israel, *shall prosper*.

About Sixteen Years since, many were of the opinion, that the *Pope* would then have a Downfal in 1666 And they grounded their Opinion on that Passage in the *Apocalyps*, Chap. 13. Ver. 18. where the Holy *Spirit* saith, Καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτοῦ ἑξακόσιοι ἑξήκοντα ἕξ: That is, *His Number is Six Hundred, Sixty-six*; which the Predictors of that Time mistook: For this doth rather simpathize with the Rise and Beginning of that *Idolatry*, than directly point out its Fall: Although I judge it Prophetical, for Both. For St. *John*, without doubt, spoke it Prophetically, of the Rise of this *Man of Sin*; and we may Compute our Time thus.

St. *John* was Banished in the beginning of the Second Persecution; which was in the Dayes of *Flavius Domitian*. Now, if we suppose, he wrote the *Revelations* about the Middle of his Banishment, which was about the Seventh Year of *Domitian*; then this must fall about the Year

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of *Christ*, 103. To which Year, if we add the Number of Years in the *Text*, it amounts to 769. a little before which, *Masses* were ordained by a Council at *Rome*: And shortly after, at the Seventh *General Council*, held at *Constantinople*, it was debated, whether the Worshipping of *Images* were Lawful, or not; some being against it, but more for it: But in the Year of our Lord 788. at the *Council* of *Nice*, it was confirm'd, with other idle Things. So that, no Man can deny, but their Worship was at times, made compleat *Idolatry*: Of which, I am of opinion, St. *John* did Prophecy. And if we should allow but an Error in the Account of the Years of *Christ*, it would be no hard Matter, to make it exactly agree: And indeed, all *Historians* of those Times are defective.

Now, if we add to 1666. the Time of *Christ*'s Life, which is 33. Years, it amounts to 1699. And then I am of the Opinion, that suddenly after, *Rome* will be shortned in her Power. For suddenly after that Time, there will happen strange Revolutions in the World; which his *Holyness* may chance to share in: Yet I cannot believe, he will finally Fall, 'till about the Year 1769. or near it, more or less. For if we add 1666. to the first Number, *i. e.* 103. it makes up that Number of Years: And then, probably, the World may be eased of her Plague of *Popery*. —— But of that enough: My Business is here, *Astrological*.

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The Place of this Conjunction, being a Tropical, *Cardinal Signe*, ſhews, That the Effects hereof, will be both Remarkable, and General alſo. *Cancer* is the Aſcendant of *Holland*, *Zealand*, &c. Hence theſe Countries ſeem to be threatned with ſome unuſual Calamity; either of War by Sea, or In-roads by Enemies. And *Haly* ſpeaking of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, ſaith; *Struet qui libet alteri Fraudes & Deceptiones, & erunt inter homines Percuſſiones & Vulnera: And this ſhall fall*, ſaith he, *In terra partitionis illius Signi in quo junguntur: All People know, that Pride and Power, is the main cauſe of Fraud, Deceit, and Cheating; and theſe the Fore-runners as well of private Quarrels, as publick Wars.* And to this purpoſe, *Guido Bonatus* is more plain, and ſpeaks in direct Terms, That in every Revolution, where there is a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, they are the Cauſe of Sorrow and Calamity; according to the Nature of the Houſe and Signe, wherein they are placed. *Si fuerit in undecima, ſignificat diſſentionem & iram, & rixam ſeu diſcordiam, Caſuram inter amicos.* Parſ. 4. Cap. 77. *If it were in the Eleventh, it ſignifies Diſſention and Anger, and Contention or Diſcord, ſhall happen among Friends.* The Meaning of it is, That there ſhall be a *Deliquium* of Friendſhip; and this among Men of all Sorts and Qualities: For among Dealers and Traders, it tends to Law-Suits; among Gallants, to Quarrels, and the Point of a Rapier; among

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Clergy-Men, to Disputes; among Statef-Men, Envy; between Kingdom and Kingdom, the Breach of Leagues: By which means, there appears an *Apertio Belli*, or the opening the Doors to an Effusion of Blood. For, besides this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, the *Sun* and *Moon* are in *Virgo*, a Human Signe; and both applying to the Square of *Jupiter*, Lord of the Seventh, in *Gemini*, a Humane Signe; and he partly Dispositor of *Saturn* and *Mars* also. This shews, that there are great Preparations now in hand, in divers Countries; and Things seem to tend generally to War, and the Destruction of Mankind: Some Naval Battle may suddenly be expected; with great Loss and Destruction of Shipping, and all things thereunto belonging. The Seas seem to groan under the vast Burden they bear, and to bemoan the Loss of the Conquered. Here is an Appearance of a great Conquest at hand; and seems to appear to be the Effect of that Prophetical *Stanza* of *Nostredame*, Century 3. Stan. 9.

Bordeaux, Rouan, & *la* Rochelle *joints*,
Tiendront autor la grand Mer Occeane;
Anglois, Bretons, & *les* Flamans *conjoints*;
Les chasseront jusque aupres de Rouane.

In *English* thus.

Bourdeaux, Rouan, *and* Rochel *join'd shall be*,
And on the Ocean shall disdain their Foes;

Till Flemmings, Brittains, Engliſh, *joyn'd all three,*
To Rom *ſhall drive them all by valiant Blows.*

By the Conſequence of theſe Verſes of *Noſtredame*, the *French* ſhall be beaten by the Force of the *Flemmings*, *Brittains*, and *Engliſh*: And therefore, if ever the *Hollander* will ſhew his Wiſdom, to ſecure himſelf, let it be ſeen in making a timely League with His Majeſty of *England*; leſt the Force of *France* makes them Repent their Folly, when 'tis too late. *Principiis Obſta*, conſidered with Κεφὰν γνῶθι, the Saying of *Pittacus*, is Armour ſufficient for a Political State; who believes, an early Prudence, is better than a late Repentance. I wiſh the *Hollander* may Live and Flouriſh: He is the beſt *Proteſtant* Neighbour we have; pray *God*, ſend us more!

Holland, and *France*, are the Two principly concern'd in theſe Naval *Tranſactions*: To whom, if a Third comes in, *France* may probably receive an Overthrow by Sea. Great are the Actions and Affairs of theſe times! and Great Things are expected to be done! *Flanders* is concern'd Eminently at theſe Tranſaction, and doubts of the Concluſion. And to the Effects of this Conjunction, and the Oppoſitions proceeding, do thoſe Words in my laſt Years *Almanack* refer: Where it is ſaid;

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The Leopard *ſtands amaz'd, and dreads his Fate,*
When Blood beſtains the Waves, great Fleets retreat.
Let theſe be Forreigne Fears. ——

By the Leopard *there, is meant* Flanders.

In *March* this preſent Year, 1680. will be great and publick Controverſy: Upon which will depend the Actions of the whole *Summer*. And at that time, it will be ſeen, what Kingdoms and Countries will be the Principle Actors of theſe Affairs: For, beſides theſe Naval Appearances, there will be Commotions and Rebellions in ſome Countries and Kingdoms: Some of the *German* Dukes very active, and willing to be counted Men of Courage. Souldiers raiſed, to prevent Inſurrections. Some of the Free Towns in *Germany* oppreſſed: In other Places, great Sums of Money exacted; which cauſeth publick Clamors, and the People exclaim againſt their Governors and Burgo-maſters. Murders, Rapes, and other kind of Violence; with great Robberies both by Sea and Land; and in *Holland*, and *Scotland*, more than in other Places: In thoſe Countries, they find a General Decay of Trade; and how to Repair it, is the buſineſs of a wiſe State, *&c.*

Hitherto, I have ſpoken in general. Now, if it were not for fear of Offence, I would ſpeak ſomething in reference to my Native Country: For I well know, that the *South-Node* this Year, paſſeth our Horoſcope; and in *March*, the *Sun*

ſuffers a great Eclipſe in that Signe: And alſo, at the ſame time, *Mars* is there in Square to *Saturn*; and ſo is *Mercury*, and the *Sun*, both in Square to him from *Aries* and *Cancer*. With theſe I alſo know, that *Jupiter* is in *Gemini*, the Aſcendant of *London*; and *Mercury*, Lord thereof, is at the time of this Conjunction, in *Libra*, in Reception with *Venus*; ſhe partly Lady of the Second, the Part of Fortune in the Horoſcope, and *Mercury* Diſpoſitor thereof; and the *Sun* and *Moon* alſo Irradiate the Degree aſcending, in this our Figure of the *Preventional New-Moon*. Now, If I ſhould draw an *Aſtrological Judgment* from theſe Configurations, I ought to do it Faithfully and Honeſtly, as becomes this moſt worthy Inquiry: Which, if ſo, then it muſt either be *Good* or *Bad*; If it be *Good*, then may ſome ſay, I do it to daube with the Times, being afraid to ſpeak the Truth: If it be *Bad*, then I ſhall render my ſelf Obnoxious to the State, and bring my ſelf under an ill Circumſtance, by making our wiſe Governours my Enemies, and drawing from them the Rays of their ill Opinion. Therefore, to prevent both the Points of this *Dilemma*, I ſhall be ſilent, and ſay no more but this; *Pray* God *keep us quiet, and Compoſe all our Differences; and make our Land, the Land of Peace: Keep His Majeſty from the Danger of* Popiſh Plots, *while we Rejoyce in the Safety of his Well-being.*

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Therefore, let the Obſerving *Reader* take notice in general, of theſe Times here-after mentioned; and ſee whether or not, there is not ſome Remarkable Effect then appears.

Firſt, in *January* 167$\frac{2}{3}$. the *Sun* comes to the Quartile of *Jupiter*, *Mars* to a Square of *Jupiter*, *Mercury* to the Square of *Jupiter*, and *Mercury* to the Conjunction of *Mars*. This ſhould give ſome Debate about ſome particular Great Men; and withal, there is Money concern'd in the Difference: But toward the End, *Jupiter* applys to the Sextile of *Saturn*. This heals all again for a time. What cannot Authority do? But *Venus* upon the Place of *Mars*, oppoſeth *Saturn*: The Conſequence proves ill. He that contends with too many at once, cannot provide Arguments for them all. *January* is a buſy Month.

February is a Month of Action; but it is peaceable and quiet, and Things go on ſmoothly: Yet *Saturn* Stationary, will put ſome to a ſtand.

March Enters quietly: But toward the Middle, there is ſome Diſcovery of ſome plotting Knaves abroad. But toward the End of *March*, there will be ſome Thankleſs Service done, *Mars* then in Quartile both to his own Place, and *Saturn*'s, at the laſt Oppoſition. Now ye are going to part, When do you think to ſee each others Faces again? Out upon *Popiſh* Advice!

April tells ſtrange Stories of Wars, Robberies,

ries, and the Sorrow of a Great Lady.

May brings News of great Conventions, and the Hopes of doing great Things thereby.

August is a very angry Month; and hath more Passion than Patience, and more Fury than Zeal. If *Mercury* should be found a Plotter with *Jupiter*, it will be a Stain to both their Coats. Here's Mischief with a Witness! What? Bloody too? He that's willing to Fight, may be paid for his pains, both in Money and Blows. More *Popish* Intriegues!

November gives some Men more Business than Profit, and a Name more Great than Good. *Mars* in Quartile to *Mercury*, and *Mercury* in Opposition to *Jupiter*. Some, who have been too much acquainted with other Mens Money, will find more Trouble than Thanks. The Affairs of this Month is considerable, and weighty Transactions are now debated; especally towards the End of the Month. *Erunt multi rebelles interfectiones, delicta, & Latrones, & maxime hoc totum erit in puritate.*

December will be only concern'd in debating the Controversies of the last Month, and will not afford any new Matter of it self: And so I end the Year, 1680.

It is very rare, that a *Summer*, and an *Autumn* doth pass over, but they give some kind of Disease or other: But of the two, *Autumn* is the more Pernicious; as *Hyppocrates*, Sect. 3. Aphor.

Aphor. 9. *Autumno morbi acutiſſimi & exitioſiſſimi magna ex parte.* And Sect. 3. Apor. 10. *Autumnus tabidis malus.* So that, what Diſeaſes happen in *Autumn*, are made the worſe by that Seaſon.

Saturn and *Mars* do rarely or never meet, but they give Mankind ſome unkind Diſtempers; And what Diſeaſes is like to ſucceed this Conjunction, I will Aſtrologically endeavour to inform you. *Saturn*, Lord of the Sixth, in Conjunction with *Mars* in *Cancer*, afflicts the Stomack with Coller, [from whence comes Vomiting] and the Lungs with ſharp Humours, cauſed by Defluxions from the Brain. *Saturn* afflicted of *Mars* in *Cancer*, gives *Diarrheas*, *Dyſenteries*, and other Fluxes of the Belly; with Griping of the Guts, *&c.* So that, the general Diſeaſes that we are moſt to expect in the latter part of the *Summer* and *Autumn*, are Gripings of the Guts, Feavers, and Obſtructions of the Stomack and Lungs, with Coughs, *&c.* And if the Doctrine of *Origanus* holds true, the Months of *October* and *November* will give vehement Coughs, Hoarſneſs, and Lungs generally diſtempered; as I have before noted. And ſo I finiſh my *Judgment*, upon the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*.

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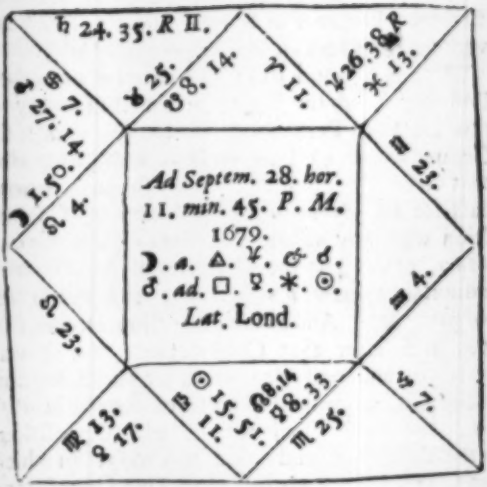
Aſtrological Eſſay upon the Nativity of the Popiſh PLOT, *with ſome Remarks thereon.*

PErhaps, this may ſeem to ſome, a Curioſity more nice than convenient: Others, perhaps, may alledge, That though the Thing may be Rational; yet it is dubious, what time is certain to be taken, that there may be a Satisfactory Judgment given of it. —— To this I anſwer: —— That all Inventions in their firſt *Species*, were but Projections: It was Time and Uſe, that made them neceſſary and perfect. All Inventions have not the good Fate, to be born under a Fortunate Horoſcope; or to have *Saturn* ſtrong in the Firſt Houſe. Let thoſe that Read it, ſpend their Opinions according to their Judgment: For the Subject is rare; and I never ſee any Preſident or Example of ſuch a thing before; and hope, I ſhall never have the like Occaſion again: For *Plots* are as bad as *Plagues*.

And

And for the Time, I ſhall accept of that Moment, when the Guards were ordered to go to Apprehend and Seize the Offenders: And that was a little before Twelve of the Clock at Night, the Twenty-Eight of *September*, *Anno* 1678. At which Time, I my ſelf met them coming out of *White-Hall-Gate*. I know, ſome take the Time from the Apprehenſion of the Firſt Man; but that I cannot approve of: But rather, of that Time, when the Warrants were ſealed, and the Officers ſent out with them: Authority then confirming it be a *Plot*. —— And to that Time, the Figure following is Erected.



At the Laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *July* the *Thirty-Firſt*, 1678. *Saturn* and *Mars* was almoſt Twenty-two Degrees in *Gemini*, *Jupiter* Three Degrees, Twenty-five Minutes in *Aries*, the *Sun* Eighteen Degrees in *Leo*, *Venus* Seven Degrees in *Cancer*, *Mercury* Fourteen Degrees in *Leo*, and the *Moon* in the Beginning of *Gemini*, and the *North-Node* in *Scorpio*: And at the Laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, *Anno* 1663. *Saturn* and *Jupiter* were in Thirteen Degrees in *Sagittarius*, *Mars* Ten in *Leo*, the *Sun* Twenty-Seven Degrees in *Libra*,

Venus

Venus Seven Degrees in *Sagittarius*, *Mercury* Eighteen Degrees in *Scorpio*, and the *Moon* Seventeen Degrees in *Gemini*.

Here is a wonderful Coherence between these Positions, and the Figure of the Discovery of this Damn'd, Pernicious, *Popish Plot*; as if the Ground-work of That, was laid suddenly after that Great Conjunction. And I suppose, it may pass for an *Aphorism*, That *Saturn* in Conjunction with any of the Superiors, [*i. e. Jupiter*, *Mars*, or *Sol*] in the Dignities of *Jupiter*, may indubitably shew *Popish Plots*, and *Popish Intriegues*, &c. And as the Projection of this *Plot* was laid after that Conjunction; so it was built up, and perfected, in order to its Accomplishment, from the Influence of *Saturn* in *Pisces*; and those Conjunctions and Oppositions in the Year 1671. and 1672. and 1673. In which time, there were no less than Five Oppositions of the Superiors, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*: Three of which were from *Virgo* and *Pisces*, the Dignities of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*. These imployed the Pen, and gave Incouragement to Consultations. The other Two were from *Aries* and *Libra*, the Houses of *Mars* and *Venus*, both Equinoctial Signes: This gave them Confidence, to undertake great Things; as being the Exaltation of the *Sun* in *Aries*; and the other, the Exaltation of *Saturn* in *Libra*. Hence it may appear by this way of Reckoning, that this *Plot* hath been hatching vigorously for the Space of Five Years:

And

And now at last, their Mountain [through the Great Mercy of *God*] hath brought forth a *Mouse*.

How this Figure doth sympathize with that Enterprize, and the Juncture of Affairs at the time of this Discovery, I will briefly shew you. —— And first observe the Position of *Saturn* in the Figure; For he is Significator of the *Plot* three wayes.

First, *Saturn* is in *Gemini*, [I suppose, all *Astrologers* understand the Meaning of that] and there in Square to *Venus* in *Virgo*; and Peregrine in the Eleventh also. The *Priests* and *Jesuits* come into *England*, as a Thief into a good Man's House, before they are sent for: But as *Saturn* is Retrograde, so it shew'd the Danger of their Cause. Yet he is in Trine with the *Sun*; and that shew'd the Confidence they had, to accomplish their End: And indeed, so they did, by the Help of an *Executioner*.

Secondly, He is Lord of the Seventh; and so an Enemy to the Kingdom. And,

Thirdly, He is naturally a Significator of such kind of Men and Professions; as being naturally Melancholly, Studious, Reserved, Subtle, and Politick, Envious; and, in general, he is indeed, the Patron of all thinking and seeing Men. Yet besides this, there is another Reason, why *Saturn* is a Significator of the *Jesuites*; and, perhaps, of as great Authority as any of them: For at that time, when *Pope Paul* the Third,

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confirm'd their Society. *Saturn* was in the Tenth Houſe, in *Libra* his Exaltation; he Lord of the whole Figure, and aſſiſted by the Body of the *Sun* on one ſide, and the Body of *Mercury*, and Sextile of *Jupiter* on the other: which are Arguments enough, for their Policy and Popularity.

Saturn in Square to *Jupiter* and *Venus*, the one Lord of the Nineth, and in the Nineth, and the other hath her Exaltation in that Signe; ſhews, how lightly they valued the Council and Clergy of *England*. Yet *Jupiter* being ſtrong in his own Houſe, and in Square to *Saturn*, did at laſt do their Buſineſs; and that by a Clergy-Man too, *i. e.* Dr. *Oates*. ——— And if we do but obſerve the *Moon*, ſhe gives alſo a particular Account of the Affairs of theſe Things: The *Moon* ſeparated lately from a Trine of *Jupiter* in the Nineth, and that from *Cancer* her Exaltation, and the *Moons* Houſe. So, hath not the *Parliament* divers times, made Laws againſt *Recuſants*, and to no purpoſe? Then ſhe came to a Conjunction of *Mars*, in the Twelfth Houſe: Doth not this ſhew the Villainous Murders, that they deſign'd, and alſo put in practice, upon the Body of that vigilant *Gentleman*, Sir *E. Godfrey*, the Sacrifice of our Kingdom? And as *Saturn* and *Jupiter* is in Square from double-bodyed Signes, and *Mars* and the *Moon* in Conjunction in a fruitful Signe: So without doubt, the Deſigne was laid to Murder many more. Alſo, the

the *Moon* next applyes to the Square of *Mercury*, in *Scorpio*; and he Diſpoſitor of *Saturn*, and by Conſequence, one of his own Profeſſion too: So was there not great and many Endeavours uſed, to invalidate Dr. *Oates*'s Evidence, and render it not worth believing? Witneſs the *Boys* of St. *Omers*, from beyond Sea: But thoſe of our own Kingdom, let the World gueſs at. I'le name none: Though at the writing hereof, ſome had again the Confidence to make another Tryal; but, *Sine ſucceſſu*. And as *Saturn* applyed to no evil Aſpect, nor the *Moon* to any good one: So the *Doctor* ſtood ſingly, without any Aſſiſtance in Evidence, for ſome time: by which means, the Clamours of ſome grew loud. But when *Mars* came to the Square of *Mercury*, [he falling Retrograde] and *Venus* to the Square of *Saturn*; both which were but Seven Degrees diſtant: Which from theſe Signes, may be allowed Seven Weeks: And about that time, came in Mr. *Bedlow*, and ſtrenghned his Evidence. And as the *Sun* wants Eleven Degrees of the Square of *Mars*; ſo it was about Eleven Weeks after, that Mr. *Dugdale* came, and confirm'd both. And ſo we might go farther, if we pleaſe; but I omit it, becauſe my Deſigne is to be ſhort.

It may be alſo obſerved, that *Mars* was in *Leo*, in this Horoſcope, and upon his Place, *Anno* 1663. *October*: and *Saturn* in *Gemini*, in Oppoſition to the Place of the Laſt Conjunction

on of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, *Anno* 1663. and upon the *Moons* Place also, at that Conjunction; from the Beginning of this *Plot*, till the End of *May*, 1679. During which time, all those Men were Executed, except those Five, the Twentyeth of *June*: And at the Execution of all those Men, we shall find some considerable Transite, that may be allowed to share in these Effects: Although I allow the main Cause to other Things, as is most Rational.

November the Twenty-Sixth, 1678. Mr. *William Staley* was Executed for Treason, [and pray give me Leave to say this of him, I having known him some time; and knew him to be a *Papist*, yet a learned, ingenious, worthy Gentleman; and one whom, I dare say, was no Enemy to his Majesty, his Religion excepted: But he was very Hasty and Colerick; by which Means, I believe, his Passion made his Carcass a Sacrifice] At this time, the *Sun* was exactly upon the place of the last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, and *Mars* locally in the Horoscope of this Figure; and the *Moon* exactly in Square to the Place of that Conjunction also.

December the Second, Mr. *Edward Coleman* was Executed. At that time the *Sun* and *Moon* was then in *Sagittary*, near the Place of the last Conjunction, 1663. and in Opposition to *Saturn*, the

the Patron of the whole *Plot*.

January the Twenty-Fourth, Mr. *Ireland*, Mr. *Grove*, &c. dyed at the Place of Execution, for Contriving the Death of the *KING*, and Alteration of the Government. At Noon that Day, the *Moon* was in *Scorpio* Nine Degrees, in Square to the Aſcendant of this Figure, in Square to the *Sun*, who is in *Aquary*, in the Seventh; and *Mars* to a Degree upon his Place, at the Great Conjunction, *Anno* 1663. in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, in the Seventh; and *Saturn*, by his Retrograde Motion, fallen back upon the Place of the *Moon*, and the Oppoſite Point of that Conjunction alſo. And what is moſt Remarkable, the *Parliament*, which had Sate Eighteen Years, were this Day *Diſſolved*; which was an Eminent Accident, the then Affairs conſidered, and could be produced from no ſmall Cauſe.

February the Twenty-Eighth, was Mr. *Berry*, &c. Executed. *Mars* ſtill kept his Place, and is now Stationary upon the Degree of this Horoſcope; the *Sun* in Square with *Saturn*, and he ſtill upon the Place of the *Moon*, and in Oppoſition to the laſt Conjunction; and the *Moon* in *Aquary*, the Seventh Houſe of this Figure.

June the Twentyeth, Mr. *Whitebread*, and the other *Four* were Executed: *Saturn* now enters *Cancer*, and *Mars* in a Humane Signe, in Square to the Place of the last Conjunction, in 1663. *Saturn* now changing of his Signe, shews a Mutation of Affairs, and the changing the Face of Things.

I shall not so much as mention *Langhorne* distinct from those *Five*, because he was Condemn'd with them: And though he suffered at another Time, yet I think it not material to take notice of it, in this Method.

NOw, let the *Reader* observe, how the Face of Affairs altered, upon the coming of *Saturn* into *Cancer*; and what pretty Inventions, the Adverse Party have contrived, to manage their Damnable Designes; and either to make it no *Plot* at all, or else a *Presbyterian Plot*. How this was managed and contrived, is only known to those concern'd in it; and indeed, it is not fit for our Acquaintance: It is enough for us, to know its Discovery, together with the Natural Cause thereof.

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To omit the Square of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *July*, (at which time we may ſuppoſe, they were ſufficiently buſy in their Buſineſs) and take notice only of thoſe Aſpects in *September*, which happened but little before its Diſcovery: At which time, the *Sun* was in Square to *Saturn* from Cardinal Signes. How this wrought upon the Minds of of the Falſe Brethren, is not ſufficiently known: Whether it was Fear of Juſtice, or Horror of Conſcience, or ſome immediate Hand from on High, I will not diſpute. But that this had ſome Influence upon the after Affairs, is viſible from the Effects: For while theſe Things were in Action, *Jupiter* very gravely applyes to the Sextile of *Saturn*; which *Guido Bonatus* tells us, *Significat quòd ſupervenient res de quibus gaudebunt; That ſomething ſhall come unlook't for, at which Men ſhall Rejoyce:* Par. Quar. Cap. 57.

I think, none will deny the Verification of this Text: But by what means this Influence wrought, I will not undertake to be ſo curious as to inform you; I leave that to the *Criticks* in *Aſtrology*, to Examine.

But how Things were diſpoſed, in order to this great Diſcovery, is to be admired: And how Providentially this unſeen-Fate manageth all our Affairs, is ſo ſtupendious a Myſtery, that

to have a Glimpſe of the Knowledge thereof, is a Mercy, and that from Heaven too.

But immediately after this Sextile of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, there was a double Square of *Saturn* and *Mercury*: And of ſuch Configurations, *Haly* ſaith; *Significant quo ſecreta Negromantiæ, & Scientiarum, & Incantationum delegentur, & publicentur*: That the Secret Things of Negromancy of Sciences, and Inchantments, ſhall be diſcovered, and made publick. But this Word *SCIENCES*, muſt be taken in another Senſe than is uſual: For, Ἐπιστήμη, *Scientia*, ſignifies any Skillfulneſs and Art, either Good or Bad. And ſo, the whole *Text* ſuits to the Religion and Ceremonies of the *Roman Church*: For their Curſings and Conſecrations, &c. are, in good Earneſt, but Inchantments; and their *Exorciſm*, is but little better than plain *Negromancy*.

But as the *Text* ſuits to their Deſignes, that were then going on; *It* is worſe than either of them: For Blood, and Murder, out-does *Both*.

But the Effect of theſe Aſpects, was the Diſcovery of the then Damnable Deſigne, *i. e.* To Root out the Memory of the *Proteſtant Faith*, and to bring us again under the diſmal Shades of

of *Rome*: From which, *Libera nos Domine.*

And let us beg of *GOD*, to Exerciſe his Mercy to us ſo far, that we may never want good Configurations in the Heavens, to diſcover ſuch Contrived Villainies upon Earth; while the Name of *CHRIST* is mentioned among us.

And let every true *Engliſh*-Man ſay,

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OR, AN

Astrological Essay

UPON THOSE

CONFIGURATIONS

OF THE

Celestial Bodies,

Whose Effects will appear in 1680 and 1681. in some Kingdoms in *Europe*.

Which Predictions are drawn from the Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *December*, 1679. and the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *August*, 1680. And these Things considered, and Compared with

The Nativity of the Late Damnable

PLOT.

By John Partridge, Student in *Astrology* & *Physick*.

Fata Regunt hommes, Juven. Saty 9.

TO THE READER.

Courteous Reader,

ALL Things which (we ſay) happen, *are moulded in the Treaſury of Heaven, and brought forth in the Fullneſs of Time:* 'Tis We, *poor Mortals, who ſee but darkly:* The God *of Nature ſees exactly, both how and when all Things ſhall appear; which indeed, is his Prerogative alone.*

I hope, none expects Divine Prophecy from my Pen; neither indeed do I, or any other Aſtrologer pretend to it: For it is through the Optick-Glaſs *of Experience, that they gain the Fore-ſight of Future Tranſactions. And therefore, what I have here written, is drawn from the Natural Principles of* Aſtrology; *and are Predictions, and not Prophecies: The Event of which, is a* Comi-Tragedy, *which will have a large Part of* Europe, *for its Theatre.*

At the Writing hereof, every Man either hears knows how the General Affairs of Europe *ſtand; All Things, at preſent, appearing with a Face of Quietneſs: No Armys in the Field; nor any Probability of ſuch Things ſuddenly to happen. There are no Naval Preparations in Hand, at preſent; nor any Appearance.* Holland *is quiet;*

neither doth any Enemy seem to point at that State: Neither is there any Quarrel begun, or any Breach of League, &c. upon which to build the Pretence of a War. Brandenburgh, *and the* German *Dukes are, at present, in a Peaceable Posture; no Signe of any New Difference among them. Let the* Reader *take notice of these Things; and not say, That we Write, when we see Things are begun, and Predict what the whole World sees. I do not say, All these Places will be Concerned in the Effects of these Configurations, or that all Kingdoms shall War by Sea: The principal Weight and Burden shall lye upon Two or Three; and of them will be* Holland.

These are the last Eminent Configurations, that will happen before the great Conjunction in Leo *and will dispose Men and Things into a Capacity fit to receive the Influence, which that Conjunction will bestow upon the World: Which, if* God *Almighty permit, I will spend my spare Time upon a small Treatise, to inform those inquiring about the Effects thereof. In the mean time, I shall endeavour to approve my self,*

Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant

From *James-Street*, next Door to the *King*'s Head, *Decemb.* the 2. 1679.

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Astrological Judgment

Upon the

Oppositions in *Decemb.* 1679.

And the

Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *August*, 1680.

Astrology, as well as *Physick*, is but a Bundle of Experience; which the Industrious Observators have heaped up, as a Portion and Legacy to after Ages. It is Experience, that makes a Souldier Politick; and it is Experience, that makes Artificers cunning; and it is Experience, that must make every Science Perfect: And in these *Astrological* Inquiries, there is as much to be Learned by the examining of past Transactions, and comparing Them with their Causes, as by any Me-

thod [Authentick Authors excepted] in the common way of Learning. And this is the way to improve our Antiquated Authors; whose Works lye as a Magazine and Store-House, first to Instruct, and then to Supply the Defect of our Memory; and without which, this Science, in particular, had been but a Cripple, which now injoyes a considerable Growth: whose Imperfections must serve for Spurs to every Ingenious Artist, to use his Endeavour to assist Truth in her Delivery of this Science, from the Chains of Error.

Vox audita periit, sed littera Scripta manebit.

Solomon sayes, *There is no New Thing under the Sun*; and we all believe it to be true, because we see, when we have made one Revolution, we begin again; still moving in the same Circle: *Nihil dictum quod non dictum prius.* Hence we may draw this Conclusion; That if there is no New Thing under the *Sun*, then there hath been Conjunctions, Squares, and Oppositions of *Saturn* and *Mars*, from the Beginning; and they have had a share in the past Transactions of Human Affairs, as Wars, Contentions, Disturbances, Murders, *&c.* In Human Signes, they cause Murders, and Quarrels of all kinds: In Equinoctial and Tropical Signs, Wars, Invasion, *&c.* In double-Bodyed Signes, they produce Villainy of several kinds; as Treachery, Perjur-

Deceit, &c. according to the Nature of that part of Heaven, where the Conjunction or Aspect happens; and according to the Nature of him, who is ſtrongeſt at ſuch a time.

If there are any ſuch *Nulliſidians* in *Aſtrology*, who will queſtion, and alſo disbelieve theſe Things, as I doubt not, but ſuch there are, [For Truth muſt be oppoſed ſometimes] I ſhall only refer them to the Experiment of the Effects, of the laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Gemini*, the Laſt Day of *July*, 1678. *Saturn* being there the Stronger of the Two; he having in that Signe, a Triplicity, and he in his own Terms too: Yet *Mars* having leſs *South*-Latitude than *Saturn*, was Elevated above him; which, in this kind of Judgment, I take to be Material. Hence if we conſider the Place of that Conjunction, *Gemini*, the Dignities of *Mercury*, and alſo the Nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*, in that Signe; any one but moderately Learned in this Science, will be ready to atteſt, that the Effects were Natural.

Theſe, and ſuch like Configurations, *Aſtrologically* conſidered, would much advance this worthy Inquiry; and alſo inform our Adverſaries, that the Stars do not move in vain; neither is their Motion without Effect upon our Bodies and Actions: For there is no Motion in the World, but it hath its *a quo* and *ad Quem* And therefore, it moves, in order to ſome particular Effect; as a Learned *Phyloſopher* well obſerves,

—— *Datus eſt rebus motus, ob Generationem, Actionem, & Tempus.* For it is plain, that nothing can be Generated without Compoſition, nor nothing Compounded without Coition, nor any Copulation without Motion; neither is there any Action without Motion. Nay, in time alſo, that there might be a Meaſure of the Duration of Things, *God* made two great Lights, to meaſure out our Dayes by Motion: For take away from the World, but the *Sun*, *Moon*, and *Stars*, and we ſhall know nothing, either of *what*, *where*, or *when*: and indeed, there would be neither *Eſſe* nor *Poſſe*. So profitable a thing is Motion; which the Learned Author of the *Sylva Sylvarum*, well knew; as may be ſeen by *Centu 4. Experi* 344.

Hence it may be judged, that while there is Motion, there muſt be Action; becauſe the Latter is the Natural Conſequence of the Former: So that, our thinking Adverſaries may conſider, whether the *Stars*, who are the Stewards of Time and Motion, ought not to be the Authors of Action, which is the Natural Effect of both.

Now, if they are the Cauſe of Action and Paſſion, then they ſhew their Ignorance and Folly, in taking ſuch Pains to deny and oppoſe it. —— But if they are not the Cauſe of thoſe Things then, Why are they ſo angry with us for believing it; and take ſuch pains in writing Volums againſt that which they underſtand not, pretending to inform the Ignorant, when they

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themſelves are the Men?

The quarrelſome Curr lying in the Manger, ſnap't at the Horſes Noſe: The patient Beaſt would have given him Thanks for his Abſence; But ſuch was the Malice of this Obſtreperous Curr, that he would neither eat Hay himſelf, nor let the Horſe eat any.

Therefore, I would deſire all Ingenious Gentlemen, who diſtruſt the Truth of *Aſtrology*, to ſearch into the Art Practically; and not prepoſſeſs themſelves with an Opinion of Prejudice, when they know not what they are angry with. And though it be the hard Fate of *Aſtrology*, to be abuſed by unworthy and unjuſt Profeſſors, who underſtand it not; and that the beſt Artiſts are ſometimes miſtaken, and do commit groſs Errors: For *Bernardus non vidit omnia.* —— Why? Is it not ſo in other Sciences? Does the *Phyſician* alwayes Cure? or, the *Divine* alwayes Convert? And yet a great deal of Worth in them too. But of theſe Things, —— *obiter.* —— I come now to my Work intended.

And that I may be the more exact, I will Calculate for the *Poſtventional Full Moon*; which is the neareſt *Lunation* to this *Oppoſition* of *Saturn* and *Mars*: And that happens in the *Meridian* of *London*, *December* the 6*th*. *Hor*. 20. *Min*. 45. *Secon*. 40. *P*. *M*. 1679.

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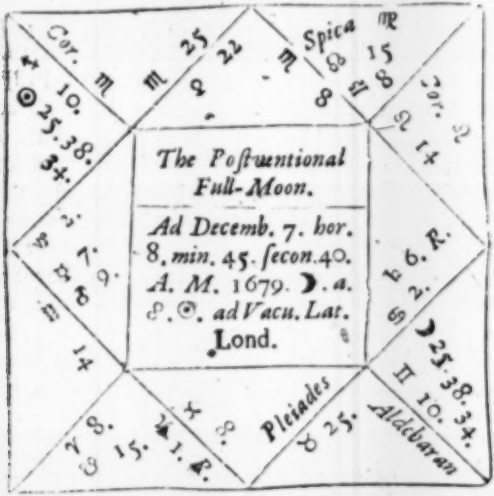


This Subject of this Discourse being the Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, it will be most material, to give a general Account of the Nature and Signification of *Saturn* and *Mars*, as they are here posited in the Figure of this *Lunation*;

nation; and that may ſerve as a Radical Foundation for the reſt of the Judgment.

Saturn is *Altiſſimus Planetarum*, the Higheſt of the Planets: And therefore, if ever the Cabal of the Stars are brought into a *Romiſh* Order, *Saturn* will doubtleſs claim the Title of Provincial; and then you know his next Preferment.

He is the great Patron of Antiquities, of Solitude, and Gravity: He is Reſerved, Crafty, Envious, and Melancholly; and perſonates all kind of Sectaries, and People of Evil Principles, *Jews Jeſuits*, *Monks*, *Fryars*, &c. And in this Figure, he is in the Dignities of *Jupiter*, the Patron of Religion, and in Sextile with him too: By which means, *Saturn* takes upon him ſome grave Pretence of Religion; or rather, perſonates ſome Hypocritical grave Pretenders thereunto, of thoſe Qualities of Men before-mentioned. —— But perhaps, you may ask me, What *Jeſuits*, *Monks*, and *Fryars*, do with Religion? —— Why? I will tell you. —— They uſe it as Robbers do their Swords, to cut their Neighbours Throats; or, as Souldiers do their Weapons, to Conquer, and then Tyrannize: Make the Secular Power uſeleſs; pull down one Prince, and ſet up another: and laſtly, ſet an overgrown Biſhop above all.

But *Saturn* being in the Seventh, and in *Sextile* with *Jupiter*, will give ſeveral Debates about Religion; and doth perſonate all quarrelſome Pretenders thereunto: For the Seventh Houſe

is the House of Difference and Contention. And at the Subsequent Ingress of the *Sun* into *Capricorn*, *Saturn* is got into the Horoscope, in Opposition to the *Sun*, in the Seventh: The Horoscope hath Signification of the Commonalty in general. Here *Saturn* labours to poison them too. —— Oh, the Industry of some! —— Pray *God* preserve us from another *Jesuitical Scotch* Rebellion!

Mars when well dignified, as he is now, signifies all bold open breasted, generous Souls, such as love to do Acts of Justice with Prudence and Courage. And as he is Lord of the Tenth, he personates Great and Noble Men; and as he is in the Horoscope, in Trine of *Jupiter*: Both which together, are Lords of the Eleventh. Hence in General, he signifies the Commonalty of Kingdoms; But in particular, those Honest, Worthy, Generous Gentlemen, the *House of Commons*, in the *English Parliament*; that Bulwark against *Popery*, and Terror to Tyranny. And as he is in Trine with *Jupiter*, and Conjunction with *Mercury*, [at this Opposition] so will they use their utmost Endeavours, to secure his Majesty from the Treachery of Villains, and his Subjects from *Popish* Subversions.

At this Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, the *Moon* is here near her own place, [at the last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*] in Opposition to the *Sun*, who is not far distant from the place of that Conjunction: and *Jupiter* also here, in

in square to the Place of *Mars* there. This shews, that the Residue of the Effects of that Conjunction, do hasten to be accomplished, and usher'd into the World by the Assistance of these Oppositions: And this seems the more Credible, if we consider, that *Mercury* is here in Conjunction with *Mars*; who was then in square to *Mars*, from *Scorpio* and *Leo*.

Here *Mars* Consults with *Mercury*, as a Politician; to whom *Jupiter* also lends his slender Assistance: It is about Peace, Justice, and Priviledges; because *Mercury* separated last from a Trine of *Jupiter*, and the Opposition of *Saturn* in the Seventh: And now applyes to the Body of *Mars*; who promiseth himself great Success, because he hath the Friendly Rayes of *Jove*, and he not far from the Trine of the *Sun*: And also, when *Mercury* separates from *Mars*, he applyes next to the Sextile of *Venus*, and the Lady of the Ninth and Fourth Houses. Hence is expected great Matters, and Things go on, for some time, to every ones Content; and there is, indeed, some probability of Incouragement from these Things. —— Yet it is all but *Deceptio visus*: For whatsoever are the Grand Consultations of Kingdoms at this time, and under the Influence of these Configurations, will be without Effect: For the *Moon*, who hath Dignities in the Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh, is in Aspect with none, (the Opposition of the *Sun* excepted). And when the *Sun* comes to the

Trine

a Trine of *Jupiter*, and Conjunction of *Mars*, Sa
a *turn* is then in Oppoſition to them both, from
P *Angles*; and *Jupiter*, who is Cadent, is as wel
J P in *Sextile* to *Saturn*, as *Trine* to *Mars*. So that
r thoſe ſignified by *Jupiter*, will be rather found
g betraying Truſt and Councils, than a Promote
t of Amity and Friendſhip: And in all Countries
p where Differences are, when they ſeem neare
b to a Reconciliation, they will on a ſudden be con
fuſedly quaſh't again. And all procured by the
n Means of *Saturn*'s Oppoſition; that is, by Trea
a chery and Villainy. And perhaps, where there
a are Twelve Diſciples preſent, it will be no hard
h matter, to find a *Popiſh Judas* in the midſt of
is them. I queſtion not, but *Popiſh* Deſignes will
w be as buſy in *England*, as ever they were: For
H there can be nothing more like a *Jeſuitical* De-
o ſigne, than *Saturn* in *Cancer*, the Dignities of *Ju-*
V *piter*. But let them go on, if they think it
C worth their while; the End will be bitter.
w At the *Brumal* Ingreſs, *Saturn* is in the Ho
A roſcope, in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, in the Se-
ju venth, and he Lord of the Fourth Houſe; and
w the *Moon*, who diſpoſeth of *Saturn*, is in *Leo*,
ci in ſquare to *Venus*; and *Mercury*, Lord of the
a Fifth and Firſt Houſes, is in the Eighth afflicted
by *Mars*: This ſhould ſhew the Breach of ſome
M Old League, or the changing of ſome antient
r known Cuſtom; and that by ſuch a one, as the
ti *Sun* in the Seventh perſonates; going to a Con-
t junction of *Mars*, upon the Cuſp of the Eighth

n whatſoever Country this is undertaken, it will be attended with much Sorrow: For in this our Figure, *Saturn* and *Mars* are both Angular n Oppoſition; and in the Figure of the Ingreſs, *aturn*, and the *Sun*, are both angular, and in ppoſition alſo. The Countries and Cities un-er *Cancer* and *Capricorn*, are threatned with me unhappy Difference; and thoſe are *Hol-and*, *Scotland*, *Zealand*, and divers Places ſub-ect to the *German* Princes. I ſhall omit a Fi-ure of the *Suns* Entrance into *Capricorn*, in this lace; becauſe I have already done it in my *Al-anack* for 1680.

Haly, *Bonatus*, and other *Aſtrologers*, ſay, When he *Infortunes* are Angular in a Revolutional Fi-ure, and behold each other, *&c* with all Rays, ey uſually preſage Years of Trouble, in ſome art of *Europe*. —— And that this will be at is time about Religion, and Men pretending hereunto, is viſible from *Saturn*; who hath Dignities in the Nineth: and he alſo in *Can-r*, the Dignities of *Jupiter*, in the Seventh, in ppoſition to *Mars*: And at the *Winter* Ingreſs, is Lord of the Eight, Nineth, and Tenth ouſes; and in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, Lord of e Fourth. —— Here will be more Plotting, Contriving to advance the *Romiſh* Perſwa-n; But how Fruitleſs the Concluſion will ve, let thoſe concerned in it obſerve: For ore a few Years are paſt, the Cheats of me will be ſo well known, that they will be

detested by all knowing Men; and he that shall speak most Candidly of that Faith, must acknowledge it to be but a Pageant of Religion and a Political Juggle, to maintain the Idleness of *Religious Orders*. And to this purpose, I find a Pathetical Paragraph offered by the Author of the *Vocal Forrest*; he there calling *Rome* by the Name of *PETROPOLIS*. His Words are these: ——

And as Petropolis, *at her first Rise, when she came to be Mistriss of the Fourth Monarchy, and was at her Highest Flourish, used to clip the Wings of Victory, that she could not flye away from her: So she would have done to Religion also since the* Ivy *came to be her Lord, that it should be found no where but between her Walls; which made all the World have Recourse to her, as to the sole* Oracle *of sacred Truth, the Source of saving Knowledge, and Consistory of Mercy. And going about to Monopolize Religion by these Steps she made Merchandize of Holy Things, and grew to be an Excellent Chymist, that could Transmute Lead into Gold: Perswading the silly Clyent, that out of that Lead, he might make Keys to open Heaven Gates. Thus Religion got Wealth, Pride begot Policy; and then the Daughters were sully, to devour their Mothers.*

The Last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* was in *Gemini*, the Ascendant of *London*, and a Hu-man Signe also; whose Effects are in force, the time of this Opposition, which is in all 49 Dayes

ayes. And what hath been the Effects of that *Conjunction*, almoſt every one can witneſs: Thoſe laſt paſt, have been the Afflictions of *England*; but theſe Configurations now approaching, ſeem to concern divers other Kingdoms beſides; as *Holland*, *Flanders*, *France*, *Germany*, &c.

It is agreed to by all *Aſtrologers*, that Tropical Signes are more violent, and full of Action, than the other Parts of Heaven are: Which, if ſo, then the Effects depending upon theſe Configurations, muſt be the more Popular and General; raiſing Differences about Priviledges, popular Clamors againſt Offenders; and that more than uſual too. —— For thoſe Stars, who are only concern'd in this Judgment, is *Saturn*, *Mars*, and the *Sun*. The *Sun* perſonates Great and Noble Men: *Saturn* is the Author of Plots, Treacheries, Deceipts, &c. And *Mars* ſhews Men of Courage, and Officers in the Penal Laws. —— Again; *Saturn* ſhews obſcure Perſons, and Men of ill Deſignes: The *Sun* is the Author of all Diſcoveries; and *Mars* ſhews Acts of Hoſtility and Blood. For *Saturn* and *Mars* are, by their proper Natures, the only Authors of Deſtruction; or, to ſpeak more Philoſophically, the Phyſical Ferment in Starry Influences.

At the *Preventional New-Moon*, all the Planets were under the Earth, except *Saturn*; and He is Retrograde in the Eighth Houſe, in aſpect with none but *Jupiter*; He being Retrograde in the Sixth, and both of them Cadent. This ſtill

confirms the former Doctrine; and shews, that some Men of a despicable Fortune, shall bring themselves into an ill Condition; nay, to their *Ultimum Vale*: Having acted unjust Things; not regarding either Prudence or Honesty.

Saturn is Lord of the Horoscope, at the *Post-ventional Full-Moon*, and Retrograde in the Seventh in *Cancer*, his Detriment, in Opposition to *Mars*, Lord of the Tenth House. Many receive the Sentence of the *Judge*, in order to their Execution: Others are doom'd to a long Imprisonment; because the *Moon* is in the Sixth, in Opposition to the *Sun*, in the Twelfth House: and he being Lord of the Eighth, shews, some of them shall Dye in their Confinement.

The Sum of All is: That we are likely to be in danger by *Popish* Designes, though [I hope, by the Blessing of *God*] without Effect; with Plots and Contrivances against the Religion, and Government; with other Inventions of the Emissaries of *Rome*. I shall, in Modesty, spare to speak my Opinion, in particular, of the Affairs of *January* next ensuing, together with the Effects of *March* and *April*. — For in those Countries where there is War, there will be all kind of Violence acted greedily: But where there is no War, these Effects will be spent in Contentions about State-Affairs. ——— I hope, that great Consultation about *June* or *July*, will tend to the Peace of *Europe*, and to reduce all into a quiet Posture again. ——— Yet the Stars say

say, *No*! *Holland* seems to be threatned with Divisions, and Inundations; and, ere the Effects of these Configurations are over, an unhappy War. *France* is divided in their Councils: Yet at last, they provide for War, both by Sea and Land. *Germany*, and *Spain*, manage their Affairs but ill; and are still declining. *Flanders* begins to apprehend her self in danger of Hostility. And indeed, the general Affairs of *Europe*, are at a stand: and the great Councils of Kingdoms, are driven to their *Ne plus ultra*. — So Dubious are the Affairs of *Europe*, at this time!

Convocations, *Diets*, *Councils*, &c. meet, to use their Endeavors, to settle Affairs, if possible, *sed timeo*. Hence the Actions of this *Winter*, and the *Spring* following, will be but Preparatives in *Europe*, for the Effects that will succeed the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *August*. 1680. And therefore, I shall be the shorter upon these Things; and inlarge my self the more, when I come to speak of That.

Saturn, being Lord of the First and Second Houses, in Opposition to *Mars*, shews, The Commonalty in general, will receive many Damages and Losses, in their publick Affairs; according to their divers wayes of dealing. *Saturnus in* ♎. *significat multiplicationem aquarum & pluviarum*; Sayes *Bonatus*: *It signifies abundance of Rain*; *whence will be produced great Inundations*, &c. And this is the rather confirmed,

becauſe *Saturn* hath South Latitude. *Et erit impedimentum in aqua ex naufragio, & ex fractione navium, periclitabuntur peregrinantes in aquis, morientur animalia aquæ*; Sayes *Albumazar*: *There ſhall be Loſſes by Water, by reaſon of Shipwrack, and breaking of Ships; and thoſe that Travel by Water, ſhall be in great danger; and there ſhall be a Mortality among thoſe Creatures, which Live in, and upon the Water.*

Capricorn, the Signe in which *Mars* is, is a *Quadrupedum* Signe, or one ſignifying a Four-footed Beaſt. Hence we may well and rationally judge, That there will enſue a Murrain among ſmall Cattle, in general; and a Rot among Sheep, in particular; and that before this *Winter* be ended too. Alſo, the latter part of the *Winter*, will be cold, wet, and very unkind Weather; from the great Power of *Saturn*, being Angular: and perhaps, he may give a durable Froſt too, if *Mars* his Rayes do not prevent it. *Saturn*, Lord of the Aſcendant, in Oppoſition to *Mars* from Angles; and the *Moon* in the Sixth, in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, Lord of the Eighth: To which, we may add *Mercury*, Lord of the Aſcendant, at the *Brumal* Ingreſs; who both in that Figure, and in this, is afflicted of *Mars*. Hence we may conclude, That the *Winter* is like to prove Sickly: And, as *Saturn* is in *Cancer*, a Signe which ſignifyes the *Breaſt*, and *Thorax*, with the *Lungs*, &c. So many will be afflicted with *Coughs*, *Co*

tarrhs, *Defluxions* of *Rheume*, with Pains and Obstructions, in those Parts: as also, *Diarrheas* and *Fluxes* of the *Belly*; because he Governs that Part also, by his being in *Cancer*; as you may see, *Vade Mecum*, *pag.* 31.

I thought to have insisted upon the *Eclipse* of the *Sun*, in *March*, 1680. But finding, that by reason the *Moons* Latitude, and Parallax, are both of one Denomination, *i. e. South*, the *Eclipse* will be inconsiderable at *London*, [although a very great *Eclipse*, in the *Southern* Parts of the World] And therefore, I do omit both the Calculation, and Judgment thereof, in this Place; and say this only, That those Kingdoms and Countries, subject to *Aries*, *Cancer*, *Libra*, and *Capricorn*, will be most concerned therein. Yet as it falls in exact Square to these Oppositions, and the Conjunction following; so it will irritate and sharpen their Effects. And so I end my Judgment upon the Oppositions; and come next, to the Conjunction in *August*, 1680.

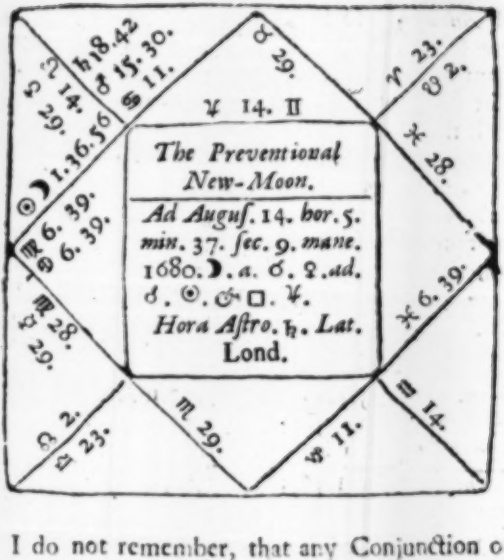
And first, Let me give you the Calculation of that Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, from Mr. *Gadbury*'s Tables, in his *Doctrine of Nativities*: By which Tables it happeneth, *August* the 20. *hor.* 17. *min.* 20. *secon.* 30. *mane.* 1680. At which time, the *Sun*'s Place is after 5. 7. 24. 27. and his *Logarithm.* 500367.

Paradigma Saturni.			Paradigma Martis.		
	S.	D. M.S.	☽	D. M.	☊
Med.mot. ♄	3.	12.42,24.	2.	10.43.59.	*Med.mot.* ♂
Apog. Satur.	8.	28.31.21.	5.	8 44.28.	*Apog.* ♂
Annual. ♄	6.	1.4.11 3.	9.	9.29.31.	*Anoma.* ♂
Equat. ad		1.4.19.		10.11.47.	*Equa. add.*
Locus Eccen.	3.	14.20.43.	2.	20.25.46.	*Loc. Eccen.* ♂
Nod. Satur.	3.	21. 5.1..	1.	17.48.34.	*Noa. Martis*
Argu. Lat.	11.	23.21 29.	1.	2.37.12.	*Argu. Lat.*
Reduc. ad.		24.		49.	*Reduc. Sub.*
Loc. Eclip. ♄	3.	14.27. 7.	2.	20.24.57.	*Loc. Eclip.* ♂
Loc. Solis.	5.	7.24.27.	5.	7.24.27.	*Loc. Solis.*
Anom. Orb.	1.	22.57.20.	2.	16.59.30.	*Anom. Orb.*
Dimidium		26.28.40.	1.	8 29.45.	*Dimidium.*
Elong. Sub.	1.	18.10.15.	1.	18.10.15	*Elong. Sub.*
Loc. Solis.	5.	7.24.27.	5.	7.24.27.	*Locus Solis.*
Loc. ♄ *Ver.*	3	19.14.12.	3.	19.14.12.	*Loc.* ♂ *Ver.*
Logar. Solis.		500367.	500367.		*Logarith.* ☉.
Logar. ♄ *Cur.*		595169.	519280.		*Logar.* ♂. *Cur.*
Tang.	6.	23.13. 904898.	981087.	32.54.4.	*Tang.*
Add		45		45.	*Add.*
Ta.Co.	51.	23.13. 990236.	933114.	77.54.4.	*Ta.Co.*
Di.a.o.	26.	28.40.969731.	990053.	38.29.45	*Di.or.*
Tang.	21.	41. 35. 959967.	923167.	9.40.30	*Tang.*
Elong.	48.	10.15.		48.10.15.	*Elon.*
Lat. ♄. *South.*	0	18.27.	*Lat.* ♂. *Nov.*	0	19.49.

It hath been the Practice of some Professors of *Astrology*, to Erect a Figure to the Time of the Conjunction Calculated: But I must dissent from those Men's Opinions; as well knowing, that no Tables in being, are so true, as to exhibit the true Conjunction to a determinate Horoscope: For their Motion is slow; and the best of Tables, are not perfect; neither do any Tables agree. And therefore, I shall draw my Judgment from the *Preventional New-Moon*; which happens *August* the 14. *hor.* 5 *min.* 37. *secon.* 9. *mane.* 1680. The Operation followeth.

Med. Mot. ☉	5.3.17.20	1.26.42 16. *Med. Mot.* ☽
Apog. ☉	3.6.50 54	9. 7.15.55. *Anomal.* ☽
Equat. Sub.	1.40 51	4.51.40. *Equat. Ad.*
Locus Solis.	5. 1.36.56.	5.1.36.56. *Loc. Excen.* ☽

And from the Time of this Operation, is the Figure following Erected: From which Figure, I shall deduct my Judgment.



I do not remember, that any Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* ever fell in this Degree of *Cancer* before; [poſſibly it may have been, but I cannot remember any] And therefore, I ſhall draw no Arguments from former Examples, in that Part of *Cancer*: The neareſt that have happened to it, are theſe following. *Anno*, 1534. *May* the 3*d*. there was a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, in Twenty-two Degrees of *Cancer*. *Anno*, 1592. there was another in the Thirteenth Degree, *June* the Seventh. *Anno*, 1622. *July* the

the 9th. there was another Conjunction of the same Stars, in the Twenty-fifth Degree of *Cancer*. But the Last Conjunction, that these two Stars made in this Signe, happened in the Eighth Degree, *Anno* 1650. *July* the 18th. there having been a Conjunction in *Gemini*, *Anno* 1648. which ushered in the Effects of these angry Stars. This Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Cancer*, never happeneth but once in Thirty Years: So that, the next that happeneth, will be in the Year 1710.

This Conjunction now falleth in the Nineteenth Degree of *Cancer*, very near the Stars of *Hercules*; they having *North*-Latitude, and near the *Ecliptick*, and of the Nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*; *Vis unita fortior.* —— *Johannes Angelus* represents this Degree, by a Man holding a Spear in one Hand, and a Pipe in the other; and saves, It signifies a Stage-Player: If he had said, a State-Player, it would have suited much better to this Conjunction, and Constellation at this time. *Saturn* hath *South*-Latitude, and *Mars* hath *North*; therefore, *Mars* will be Elevated above *Saturn*; as may be observed by any one, who can distinguish Burning *Iron*, from new Cast *Lead*. Hence it may be judged, that *Saturn* is like to pay for his Sins, and for being a Sinner too: For here is *Mars* in his Fall, yet in his Triplicity; and *Saturn* in his Detriment, and wholly Peregrine. Hence *Mars* is the stronger; and therefore, *Saturn* must be Obedient,

although

although it be to do Mischief. Hence, according to the Opinion of *Cardan*, *Mars* is Lord of this Conjunction: Whose Words are these. *In omni Planetarum Conjunctione, eum Planetam Dominatorem constitue, qui sublimior fuerit in Eccentrico, & parvo Circulo; & qui in loco plures habuerit Dignitates, & qui plures Stellas suæ naturæ similes habuerit:* Seg. 2. Apho. 189. *In every Conjunction of the Planets constitute him Lord; who is the Higher in the Eccentrick, and little Circle; and who hath most Dignities in the place of the Conjunction, and who hath most Stars of his own Nature near him.*

Now, with these Things, let us consider the Figure of the *Preventional New-Moon*; in which, we shall find *Jupiter* upon the Place of the *Moon*, at the Conjunction in 1663. and in Opposition to the Place of that Conjunction also: and the *Sun* there, in Quartile to the Place of this Conjunction. And in this Figure, both the *Sun* and *Moon* are applying to the Quadrate of that Conjunction, and to the Quartile of *Jupiter*, in this Figure; who are all in the Dignities of *Mercury*.

At this *Preventional New-Moon*, the Houses of *Mercury* possess the two Prime Angles of Heaven: And *Mercury* no sooner enters *Libra*, in Reception with *Venus*, but he falls Retrograde; as if some Eminent *Mercurialist*, did Repent himself of something he hath very lately done.

Here's

Here's ſacred *Jove* hath the Chance to be Lord of the Fourth and Seventh Houſes; and he in the Tenth, in his Detriment, and almoſt Peregrine: Which ſhews, that the Sons of *Jupiter*, are troubleſome to ſome Royal Courts in *Europe*. The Fourth Houſe is oppoſite to the Tenth, which is the Houſe of Dignity and Honor; and the Seventh is oppoſite to the Firſt, which perſonates the Commonalty in general. And here's Grave *Jove* Confronts them both. This makes the Tribe of *Levi* to be evil ſpoken of, by their Enemies. — Alas, poor *Jupiter*! — Four Planets in the Dignities of *Mercury*, produceth ſtrong Debates, back't with forcible Arguments: And all, about Things relating to the Second, Fourth, and Seventh Houſes. —— What! More *Mercurial* Wars ſtill? —— Out upon the ſtubborn, crafty *Mercurialiſts*!

Saturn is Lord of the Eighth, from the Tenth; and in Conjunction with *Mars*, in the Second, from the Tenth; and he Lord of the Eleventh. Here's more crafty Cheats diſcovered: But ill-got Gold never thrives. He that loſeth his Reputation for a little Money, takes up his Croſs, and goes the wrong way. Thus Gold hath a Tayl of Miſery, as well as Convenience; which *Cowley* thus obſerves:

Gold begets in Brethren, Hate;
Gold in Families, Debate.
Gold doth Friendſhip ſeperate:
Gold doth Civil Wars create.

Mars

al *Mars* hath Dignities in the Eighth and Nineth
d Houſes of Heaven; and the *Moon* haſtneth to
o the Quartile of *Jupiter*, Lord of the Eighth, in
J the Tenth. Theſe Poſitions give more Diſco-
r veries of *Popiſh* Treacheries and Treaſons: And
i if theſe Diſcoveries are attended with the Common
p Conſequences of ſuch Villainies; *i. e.* Execu-
ſ tions.

J The Eleventh Houſe, in which *Mars* and *Sa-*
turn are, ſignifies the Aſſiſtance and Allies of Prin-
h ces: Which, if ſo, then thoſe Princes of *Eu-*
p *rope*, whoſe Nativities ſimpathize with this Fi-
o gure, or thoſe who are more immediately con-
cern'd in the Effects hereof; will have their more
weighty Buſineſs (which depends upon Coun-
v cils, and Conſultations) fruitleſs, by reaſon of
a long Debates and Differences; ſome of which
t are raiſed, on purpoſe to do Miſchief; and that
s by pretended Friends too. For, Is not *Mars* al-
j moſt wholly Lord of the Eleventh, from the
Tenth; and in Conjunction with *Saturn*, in the
Second, from the Tenth! Oh, the Perfidiouſneſs
of falſe Friends!

All Men ſignifyed by *Saturn*, will be Naturally
Enemies to every State: So that, their Coun-
cils [though well deſign'd] will have an ill
Conſequence, for ſome time. —— But all
thoſe Men, whoſe Profeſſions are under *Saturn*,
will be dangerous to States and Kingdoms, if
not Ruinous: And ſuch Men, I take to be the
Romiſh Clergy, in general; and all others of their

Prin-

Principles. —— The Reason's plain: For *Saturn* is Lord of the Seventh and Eighth, from the Tenth; and the *Moon*, who disposeth of him, applyes to the Square of *Jupiter*, in the Tenth; and he naturally, a Significator of Justice, and Just Men. Hence it will be *Saturn*'s Business, and Designe, to build his Interest upon other Men's Ruine and Destruction. Now there will be *some* very busie again, in buying of Interest, in wheedling the Ignorant, and converting [*alias*, confounding] the Simple; in making Proselytes, in contriving Massacres; and all, to purchase a Kingdom: And being catch'd, [for their own Security] accuse Innocent Persons, and out-face Justice with a Lye. But for their *Popish* Lyes, I do refer the *Reader* to that well-done Collection, Compiled and Gathered from their own Words, by my Ingenious and Worthy Friend, Mr. *Butler*; now ready for the Press.

I do not say, The *Catholicks* have a Designe to Ruine the *Protestants*, and Subvert the Government of this Kingdom. But since the whole Nation fears it, the Opinion of Two Parliaments confirms it, and our Wise and Loyal Council believes it; I think, he is no true *Protestant*, nor true Bred *English*-Man, who will not be of their Opinion: Especially, if we consider their former Villainies. —— The *Burnt Child, dreads the Fire.* —— But what ever their Expectations are, in order to the setting up of *Popery* in *England*, I leave to themselves, to

consider: Yet this I say, That the Influence of this Conjunction, will be spent chiefly upon the *Popish* Cause in *England*. And furthermore, I dare boldly Predict from the Influence of this Conjunction, That before this Storm is over, *Popery* will receive a total Downfal in *England*; and that all their Devices against the *Protestant* Cause, shall not succeed. —— And to this purpose, we have the Divine Assertion of the *Almighty*; when he sayes, That *No Weapon, formed against* Israel, *shall prosper*.

About Sixteen Years since, many were of the opinion, that the *Pope* would then have a Downfal in 1666 And they grounded their Opinion on that Passage in the *Apocalyps*, Chap. 13. Ver. 18. where the Holy *Spirit* saith, Καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτοῦ ἐστιν ἑξακόσιοι ἑξηκοντα ἑξ: That is, *His Number is Six Hundred, Sixty-six*; which the Predictors of that Time mistook: For this doth rather sympathize with the Rise and Beginning of that *Idolatry*, than directly point out its Fall: Although I judge it Prophetical, for Both. For St. *John*, without doubt, spoke it Prophetically, of the Rise of this *Man of Sin*; and we may Compute our Time thus.

St. *John* was Banished in the beginning of the Second Persecution; which was in the Dayes of *Flavius Domitian*. Now, if we suppose, he wrote the *Revelations* about the Middle of his Banishment, which was about the Seventh Year of *Domitian*; then this must fall about the Year

of *Christ*, 103. To which Year, if we add the Number of Years in the *Text*, it amounts to 769. a little before which, *Masses* were ordained by a Council at *Rome*: And shortly after, at the Seventh *General Council*, held at *Constantinople*, it was debated, whether the Worshipping of *Images* were Lawful, or not; some being against it, but more for it: But in the Year of our Lord 788. at the *Council* of *Nice*, it was confirm'd, with other idle Things. So that, no Man can deny, but their Worship was at times, made compleat *Idolatry*: Of which, I am of opinion, St. *John* did Prophecy. And if we should allow but an Error in the Account of the Years of *Christ*, it would be no hard Matter, to make it exactly agree: And indeed, all *Historians* of those Times are defective.

Now, if we add to 1666. the Time of *Christ's* Life, which is 33. Years, it amounts to 1699. And then I am of the Opinion, that suddenly after, *Rome* will be shortned in her Power: For suddenly after that Time, there will happen strange Revolutions in the World: which his *Holyness* may chance to share in: Yet I cannot believe, he will finally Fall, 'till about the Year 1769. or near it, more or less. For if we add 1666. to the first Number, *i. e.* 103. it makes up that Number of Years: And then, probably, the World may be eased of her Plague of *Popery*. —— But of that enough: My Business is here, *Astrological*.

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The Place of this Conjunction, being a Tropical, *Cardinal Signe*, shews, That the Effects hereof, will be both Remarkable, and General also. *Cancer* is the Ascendant of *Holland*, *Zealand*, &c. Hence these Countries seem to be threatned with some unusual Calamity; either of War by Sea, or In-roads by Enemies. And *Haly* speaking of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, saith; *Struet qui libet alteri Fraudes & Deceptiones, & erunt inter hommes Percussiones & Vulnera: And this shall fall*, saith he, *In terra partitionis illius Signi in quo junguntur: All People know, that Pride and Power, is the main cause of Fraud, Deceit, and Cheating; and these the Fore-runners as well of private Quarrels, as publick Wars.* And to this purpose, *Guido Bonatus* is more plain; and speaks in direct Terms, That in every Revolution, where there is a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, they are the Cause of Sorrow and Calamity; according to the Nature of the House and Signe, wherein they are placed. *Si fuerit in undecima, significat dissentionem & iram, & rixam seu discordiam, Casuram inter amicos.* Part. 4. Cap. 77. *If it were in the Eleventh, it signifies Dissention and Anger, and Contention or Discord, shall happen among Friends.* The Meaning of it is, That there shall be a *Deliquium* of Friendship; and this among Men of all Sorts and Qualities: For among Dealers and Traders, it tends to Law-Suits; among Gallants, to Quarrels, and the Point of a Rapier; among

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Clergy-Men, to Diſputes; among Stateſ-Men, Envy; between Kingdom and Kingdom, the Breach of Leagues: By which means, there appears an *Apertio Belli*, or the opening the Doors to an Effuſion of Blood. For, beſides this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, the *Sun* and *Moon* are in *Virgo*, a Human Signe; and both applying to the Square of *Jupiter*, Lord of the Seventh, in *Gemini*, a Humane Signe; and he partly Diſpoſitor of *Saturn* and *Mars* alſo. This ſhews, that there are great Preparations now in hand, in divers Countries; and Things ſeem to tend generally to War, and the Deſtruction of Mankind: Some Naval Battle may ſuddenly be expected; with great Loſs and Deſtruction of Shipping, and all things thereunto belonging. The Seas ſeem to groan under the vaſt Burden they bear, and to bemoan the Loſs of the Conquered. Here is an Appearance of a great Conqueſt at hand; and ſeems to appear to be the Effect of that Prophetical *Stanza* of *Noſtredame*, Century 3. Stan. 9.

Bordeaux, Rouan, *&* *la* Rochelle *joints,*
Tiendront autor la grand Mer Occeane;
Anglois, Bretons, *&* *les* Flamans *conjoints,*
Les chaſſeront juſque aupres de Rouane.

In *Engliſh* thus.

Bourdeaux, Rouan, *and* Rochel *join'd ſhall be,*
And on the Ocean ſhall diſdain their Foes;

Till Flemmings, Brittains, English, *joyn'd all three,*
To Roan *shall drive them all by valiant Blows.*

By the Consequence of these Verses of *Nostredame*, the *French* shall be beaten by the Force of the *Flemmings*, *Brittains*, and *English*: And therefore, if ever the *Hollander* will shew his Wisdom, to secure himself, let it be seen in making a timely League with His Majesty of *England*; lest the Force of *France* makes them Repent their Folly, when 'tis too late. *Principiis Obsta*, considered with Καιρὸν γνῶθι, the Saying of *Pittacus*, is Armour sufficient for a Political State; who believes, an early Prudence, is better than a late Repentance. I wish the *Hollander* may Live and Flourish: He is the best *Protestant* Neighbour we have; pray *God*, send us more!

Holland, and *France*, are the Two principly concern'd in these Naval *Transactions*: To whom, if a Third comes in, *France* may probably receive an Overthrow by Sea. Great are the Actions and Affairs of these times! and Great Things are expected to be done! *Flanders* is concern'd Eminently at these Transaction, and doubts of the Conclusion. And to the Effects of this Conjunction, and the Oppositions proceeding, do those Words in my last Years *Almanack* refer: Where it is said;

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The Leopard *ſtands amaz'd, and dreads his Fate,*
When Blood beſtains the Waves, great Fleets retreat.
Let theſe be Forreigne Fears. ——

By the Leopard *there, is meant* Flanders.

In *March* this preſent Year, 1680. will be great and publick Controverſy: Upon which will depend the Actions of the whole *Summer*. And at that time, it will be ſeen what Kingdoms and Countries will be the Principle Actors of theſe Affairs: For, beſides theſe Naval Appearances, there will be Commotions and Rebellions in ſome Countries and Kingdoms: Some of the *German* Dukes very active, and willing to be counted Men of Courage. Souldiers raiſed, to prevent Inſurrections. Some of the Free Towns in *Germany* oppreſſed: In other Places, great Sums of Money exacted; which cauſeth publick Clamors, and the People exclaim againſt their Governors and Burgo-maſters. Murders, Rapes, and other kind of Violence; with great Robberies both by Sea and Land; and in *Holland*, and *Scotland*, more than in other Places: In thoſe Countries, they find a General Decay of Trade; and how to Repair it, is the buſineſs of a wiſe State, *&c.*

Hitherto, I have ſpoken in general. Now, if it were not for fear of Offence, I would ſpeak ſomething in reference to my Native Country: For I well know, that the *South-Node* this Year, paſſeth our Horoſcope; and in *March*, the *Sun*

ſuffers a great Eclipſe in that Signe: And alſo, at the ſame time, *Mars* is there in Square to *Saturn*; and ſo is *Mercury*, and the *Sun*, both in Square to him from *Aries* and *Cancer*. With theſe I alſo know, that *Jupiter* is in *Gemini*, the Aſcendant of *London*; and *Mercury*, Lord thereof, is at the Time of this Conjunction, in *Libra*, in Reception with *Venus*; ſhe partly Lady of the Second, the Part of Fortune in the Horoſcope, and *Mercury* Diſpoſitor thereof; and the *Sun* and *Moon* alſo Irradiate the Degree aſcending, in this our Figure of the *Preventional New-Moon*. Now, If I ſhould draw an *Aſtrological Judgment* from theſe Configurations, I ought to do it Faithfully and Honeſtly, as becomes this moſt worthy Inquiry: Which, if ſo, then it muſt either be *Good* or *Bad*; If it be *Good*, then may ſome ſay, I do it to daube with the Times, being afraid to ſpeak the Truth: If it be *Bad*, then I ſhall render my ſelf Obnoxious to the State, and bring my ſelf under an ill Circumſtance, by making our wiſe Governours my Enemies, and drawing from them the Rays of their ill Opinion Therefore, to prevent both the Points of this *Dilemma*, I ſhall be ſilent, and ſay no more but this; *Pray* God *keep us quiet, and Compoſe all our Differences; and make our Land, the Land of Peace: Keep His Majeſty from the Danger of* Popiſh Plots, *while we Rejoyce in the Safety of his Well-being.*

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Therefore, let the Observing *Reader* take notice in general, of these Times here-after mentioned; and see whether or not, there is not some Remarkable Effect then appears.

First, in *January* $167\frac{9}{80}$. the *Sun* comes to the Quartile of *Jupiter*, *Mars* to a Square of *Jupiter*, *Mercury* to the Square of *Jupiter*, and *Mercury* to the Conjunction of *Mars*. This should give some Debate about some particular Great Men; and withal, there is Money concern'd in the Difference: But toward the End, *Jupiter* applys to the Sextile of *Saturn*. This heals all again for a time. What cannot Authority do? But *Venus* upon the Place of *Mars*, oppoſeth *Saturn*: The Conſequence proves ill. He that contends with too many at once, cannot provide Arguments for them all. *January* is a busy Month.

February is a Month of Action; but it is peaceable and quiet, and Things go on smoothly: Yet *Saturn* Stationary, will put some to a stand.

March Enters quietly: But toward the Middle, there is some Diſcovery of some plotting Knaves abroad. But toward the End of *March*, there will be some Thankleſs Service done, *Mars* then in Quartile both to his own Place, and *Saturn*'s, at the laſt Oppoſition. Now ye are going to part, When do you think to see each others Faces again? Out upon *Popiſh* Advice!

April tells strange Stories of Wars, Robbe-

ries, and the Sorrow of a Great Lady.

May brings News of great Conventions, and the Hopes of doing great Things thereby.

August is a very angry Month; and hath more Passion than Patience, and more Fury than Zeal. If *Mercury* should be found a Plotter with *Jupiter*, it will be a Stain to both their Coats. Here's Mischief with a Witness! What? Bloody too? He that's willing to Fight, may be paid for his pains, both in Money and Blows. More *Popish* Intrigues!

November gives some Men more Business than Profit, and a Name more Great than Good. *Mars* in Quartile to *Mercury*, and *Mercury* in Opposition to *Jupiter*. Some, who have been too much acquainted with other Mens Money, will find more Trouble than Thanks. The Affairs of this Month is considerable, and weighty Transactions are now debated; especally towards the End of the Month. *Erunt multi rebelles interfectiones, delicta, & Latrones, & maxime hoc totum erit in puritate.*

December will be only concern'd in debating the Controversies of the last Month, and will not afford any new Matter of it self: And so I end the Year, 1680.

It is very rare, that a *Summer*, and an *Autumn* doth pass over, but they give some kind of Disease or other: But of the two, *Autumn* is the more Pernicious; as *Hyppocrates*, Sect. 3. Aphor.

Aphor. 9. *Autumno morbi acutissimi & exitiosissimi magna ex parte.* And Sect. 3. Apor. 10. *Autumnus tabidis malus.* So that, what Diseases happen in *Autumn*, are made the worse by that Season.

Saturn and *Mars* do rarely or never meet, but they give Mankind some unkind Distempers; And what Diseases is like to succeed this Conjunction, I will Astrologically endeavour to inform you. *Saturn*, Lord of the Sixth, in Conjunction with *Mars* in *Cancer*, afflicts the Stomack with Coller, [from whence comes Vomiting] and the Lungs with sharp Humours, caused by Defluxions from the Brain. *Saturn* afflicted of *Mars* in *Cancer*, gives *Diarrheas*, *Dysenteries*, and other Fluxes of the Belly; with Griping of the Guts, *&c.* So that, the general Diseases that we are most to expect in the latter part of the *Summer* and *Autumn*, are Gripings of the Guts, Feavers, and Obstructions of the Stomack and Lungs, with Coughs, *&c.* And if the Doctrine of *Origanus* holds true, the Months of *October* and *November* will give vehement Coughs, Hoarsness, and Lungs generally distempered; as I have before noted. And so I finish my *Judgment*, upon the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*.

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Aſtrological Eſſay upon the Nativity of the Popiſh PLOT, *with ſome Remarks thereon.*

PErhaps, this may ſeem to ſome, a Curioſity more nice than convenient: Others, perhaps, may alledge, That though the Thing may be Rational; yet it is dubious, what time is certain to be taken, that there may be a Satisfactory Judgment given of it. —— To this I anſwer: —— That all Inventions in their firſt *Species*, were but Projections: It was Time and Uſe, that made them neceſſary and perfect. All Inventions have not the good Fate, to be born under a Fortunate Horoſcope; or to have *Saturn* ſtrong in the Firſt Houſe. Let thoſe that Read it, ſpend their Opinions according to their Judgment: For the Subject is rare; and I never ſee any Preſident or Example of ſuch a thing before; and hope, I ſhall never have the like Occaſion again: For *Plots* are as bad as *Plagues*.

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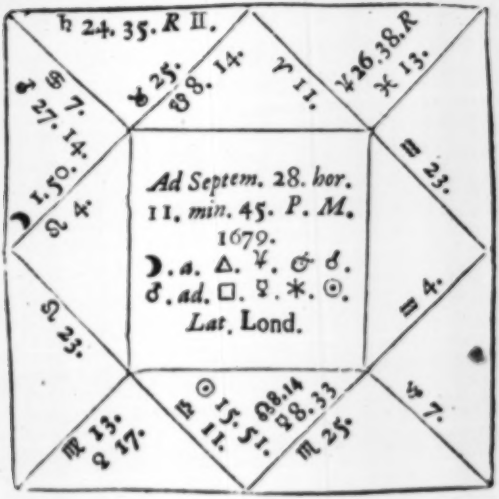
And for the Time, I shall accept of that Moment, when the Guards were ordered to go to Apprehend and Seize the Offenders: And that was a little before Twelve of the Clock at Night, the Twenty-Eight of *September*, *Anno* 1678. At which Time, I my self met them coming out of *White-Hall-Gate*. I know, some take the Time from the Apprehension of the First Man; but that I cannot approve of: But rather, of that Time, when the Warrants were sealed, and the Officers sent out with them: Authority then confirming it be a *Plot*. —— And to that Time, the Figure following is Erected.



At the Laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *July* the *Thirty-Firſt*, 1678. *Saturn* and *Mars* was almoſt Twenty-two Degrees in *Gemini*, *Jupiter* Three Degrees, Twenty-five Minutes in *Aries*, the *Sun* Eighteen Degrees in *Leo*, *Venus* Seven Degrees in *Cancer*, *Mercury* Fourteen Degrees in *Leo*, and the *Moon* in the Beginning of *Gemini*, and the *North Node* in *Scorpio*: And at the Laſt Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, *Anno* 1663. *Saturn* and *Jupiter* were in Thirteen Degrees in *Sagittarius*, *Mars* Ten in *Leo*, the *Sun* Twenty-Seven Degrees in *Libra*,

Venus

Venus Seven Degrees in *Sagittarius*, *Mercury* Eighteen Degrees in *Scorpio*, and the *Moon* Seventeen Degrees in *Gemini*.

Here is a wonderful Coherence between these Positions, and the Figure of the Discovery of this Damn'd, Pernicious, *Popish Plot*; as if the Ground-work of That, was laid suddenly after that Great Conjunction. And I suppose, it may pass for an *Aphorism*, That *Saturn* in Conjunction with any of the Superiors. [*i. e. Jupiter*, *Mars*, or *Sol*] in the Dignities of *Jupiter*, may indubitably shew *Popish Plots*, and *Popish Intriegues*, &c. And as the Projection of this *Plot* was laid after that Conjunction; so it was built up, and perfected, in order to its Accomplishment, from the Influence of *Saturn* in *Pisces*; and those Conjunctions and Oppositions in the Year 1671. and 1672. and 1673. In which time, there were no less than Five Oppositions of the Superiors, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*: Three of which were from *Virgo* and *Pisces*, the Dignities of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*. These imployed the Pen, and gave Incouragement to Consultations. The other Two were from *Aries* and *Libra*, the Houses of *Mars* and *Venus*, both Equinoctial Signes: This gave them Confidence, to undertake great Things; as being the Exaltation of the *Sun* in *Aries*; and the other, the Exaltation of *Saturn* in *Libra*. Hence it may appear by this way of Reckoning, that this *Plot* hath been hatching vigorously for the Space of Five Years:

And

And now at last, their Mountain [through the Great Mercy of *God*] hath brought forth a *Mouse*.

How this Figure doth sympathize with that Enterprize, and the Juncture of Affairs at the time of this Discovery, I will briefly shew you. —— And first observe the Position of *Saturn* in the Figure; For he is Significator of the *Plot* three wayes.

First, *Saturn* is in *Gemini*, [I suppose, all *Astrologers* understand the Meaning of that] and there in Square to *Venus* in *Virgo*; and Peregrine in the Eleventh also. The *Priests* and *Jesuits* come into *England*, as a Thief into a good Man's House, before they are sent for: But as *Saturn* is Retrograde, so it shew'd the Danger of their Cause. Yet he is in Trine with the *Sun*; and that shew'd the Confidence they had, to accomplish their End: And indeed, so they did, by the Help of an *Executioner*.

Secondly, He is Lord of the Seventh; and so an Enemy to the Kingdom. And,

Thirdly, He is naturally a Significator of such kind of Men and Professions; as being naturally Melancholly, Studious, Reserved, Subtle, and Politick, Envious; and, in general, he is indeed, the Patron of all thinking and seeing Men. Yet besides this, there is another Reason, why *Saturn* is a Significator of the *Jesuites*; and, perhaps, of as great Authority as any of them: For at that time, when *Pope Paul* the Third,

confirm'd their Society, *Saturn* was in the Tenth House, in *Libra* his Exaltation; he Lord of the whole Figure, and assisted by the Body of the *Sun* on one side, and the Body of *Mercury*, and Sextile of *Jupiter* on the other: which are Arguments enough, for their Policy and Popularity.

Saturn in Square to *Jupiter* and *Venus*, the one Lord of the Nineth, and in the Nineth, and the other hath her Exaltation in that Signe; shews how lightly they valued the Council and Clergy of *England*. Yet *Jupiter* being strong in his own House, and in Square to *Saturn*, did at last do their Business; and that by a Clergy-Man too, *i. e.* Dr. *Oates*. ——— And if we do but observe the *Moon*, she gives also a particular Account of the Affairs of these Things: The *Moon* separated lately from a Trine of *Jupiter* in the Nineth, and that from *Cancer* her Exaltation, and the *Moons* House. So, hath not the *Parliament* divers times, made Laws against *Recusants*, and to no purpose? Then she came to a Conjunction of *Mars*, in the Twelfth House: Doth not this shew the Villainous Murders, that they design'd, and also put in practice, upon the Body of that vigilant *Gentleman*, Sir *E. Godfrey*, the Sacrifice of our Kingdom? And as *Saturn* and *Jupiter* is in Square from double-bodyed Signes, and *Mars* and the *Moon* in Conjunction in a fruitful Signe: So without doubt, the Designe was laid to Murder many more. Also

the *Moon* next applyes to the Square of *Mercury*, in *Scorpio*; and he Diſpoſitor of *Saturn*, and by Conſequence, one of his own Profeſſion too: So was there not great and many Endeavours uſed, to invalidate Dr. *Oates*'s Evidence, and render it not worth believing? Witneſs the *Boys* of St. *Omers*, from beyond Sea: But thoſe of our own Kingdom, let the World gueſs at. I'le name none: Though at the writing hereof, ſome had again the Confidence to make another Tryal; but, *Sine ſucceſſu*. And as *Saturn* applyed to no evil Aſpect, nor the *Moon* to any good one: So the *Doctor* ſtood ſingly, without any Aſſiſtance in Evidence, for ſome time: by which means, the Clamours of ſome grew loud. But when *Mars* came to the Square of *Mercury*, [he falling Retrograde] and *Venus* to the Square of *Saturn*; both which were but Seven Degrees diſtant: Which from theſe Signes, may be allowed Seven Weeks: And about that time, came in Mr. *Bedlow*, and ſtrengthned his Evidence. And as the *Sun* wants Eleven Degrees of the Square of *Mars*; ſo it was about Eleven Weeks after, that Mr. *Dugdale* came, and confirm'd both. And ſo we might go farther, if we pleaſe; but I omit it, becauſe my Deſigne is to be ſhort.

It may be alſo obſerved, that *Mars* was in *Leo*, in this Horoſcope, and upon his Place, *Anno* 1663. *October*; and *Saturn* in *Gemini*, in Oppoſition to the Place of the Laſt Conjunc-

on of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, *Anno* 1663. and upon the *Moons* Place also, at that Conjunction; from the Beginning of this *Plot*, till the End of *May*, 1679. During which time, all those Men were Executed, except those Five, the Twentyeth of *June*: And at the Execution of all those Men, we shall find some considerable Transite, that may be allowed to share in these Effects: Although I allow the main Cause to other Things, as is most Rational.

November the Twenty-Sixth, 1678. Mr. *William Staley* was Executed for Treason, [and pray give me Leave to say this of him, I having known him some time; and knew him to be a *Papist*, yet a learned, ingenious, worthy Gentleman; and one whom, I dare say, was no Enemy to his Majesty, his Religion excepted. But he was very Hasty and Colerick; by which Means, I believe, his Passion made his Carcass a Sacrifice] At this time, the *Sun* was exactly upon the place of the last Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, and *Mars* locally in the Horoscope of this Figure; and the *Moon* exactly in Square to the Place of that Conjunction also.

December the Second, Mr. *Edward Coleman* was Executed. At that time the *Sun* and *Moon* was then in *Sagittary*, near the Place of the last Conjunction, 1663. and in Opposition to *Saturn*

the Patron of the whole *Plot*.

January the Twenty-Fourth, Mr. *Ireland*, Mr. *Grove*, &c. dyed at the Place of Execution, for Contriving the Death of the *KING*, and Alteration of the Government. At Noon that Day, the *Moon* was in *Scorpio* Nine Degrees, in Square to the Aſcendant of this Figure, in Square to the *Sun*, who is in *Aquary*, in the Seventh; and *Mars* to a Degree upon his Place, at the Great Conjunction, *Anno* 1663. in Oppoſition to the *Sun*, in the Seventh; and *Saturn*, by his Retrograde Motion, fallen back upon the Place of the *Moon*, and the Oppoſite Point of that Conjunction alſo. And what is moſt Remarkable, the *Parliament*, which had Sate Eighteen Years, were this Day *Diſſolved*; which was an Eminent Accident, the then Affairs conſidered, and could be produced from no ſmall Cauſe.

February the Twenty-Eighth, was Mr. *Berry*, &c. Executed. *Mars* ſtill kept his Place, and is now Stationary upon the Degree of this Horoſcope; the *Sun* in Square with *Saturn*, and he ſtill upon the Place of the *Moon*, and in Oppoſition to the laſt Conjunction; and the *Moon* in *Aquary*, the Seventh Houſe of this Figure.

June the Twentyeth, Mr. *Whitebread*, and the other *Four* were Executed: *Saturn* now enters *Cancer*, and *Mars* in a Humane Signe, in Square to the Place of the last Conjunction, in 1663. *Saturn* now changing of his Signe, shews a Mutation of Affairs, and the changing the Face of Things.

I shall not so much as mention *Langhorne* distinct from those *Five*, because he was Condemn'd with them: And though he suffered at another Time, yet I think it not material to take notice of it, in this Method.

NOw, let the *Reader* observe, how the Face of Affairs altered, upon the coming of *Saturn* into *Cancer*; and what pretty Inventions, the Adverse Party have contrived, to manage their Damnable Designes; and either to make it no *Plot* at all, or else a *Presbyterian Plot*. How this was managed and contrived, is only known to those concern'd in it; and indeed, it is not fit for our Acquaintance: It is enough for us to know its Discovery, together with the Natural Cause thereof.

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To omit the Square of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *July*, (at which time we may ſuppoſe, they were ſufficiently buſy in their Buſineſs) and take notice only of thoſe Aſpects in *September*, which happened but little before its Diſcovery: At which time, the *Sun* was in Square to *Saturn* from Cardinal Signes. How this wrought upon the Minds of of the Falſe Brethren, is not ſufficiently known: Whether it was Fear of Juſtice, or Horror of Conſcience, or ſome immediate Hand from on High, I will not diſpute. But that this had ſome Influence upon the after Affairs, is viſible from the Effects: For while theſe Things were in Action, *Jupiter* very gravely applyes to the Sextile of *Saturn*; which *Guido Bonatus* tells us, *Significat quòd ſupervenient res de quibus gaudebunt*; *That ſomething ſhall come unlook't for, at which Men ſhall Rejoyce:* Par. Quar. Cap. 57.

I think, none will deny the Verification of this Text: But by what means this Influence wrought, I will not undertake to be ſo curious as to inform you; I leave that to the *Criticks* in *Aſtrology*, to Examine.

But how Things were diſpoſed, in order to this great Diſcovery, is to be admired: And how Providentially this unſeen-Fate manageth all our Affairs, is ſo ſtupendious a Myſtery, that

to have a Glimpse of the Knowledge thereof, is a Mercy, and that from Heaven too.

But immediately after this Sextile of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, there was a double Square of *Saturn* and *Mercury*: And of such Configurations, *Haly* saith; *Significant quo secreta Negromantiæ, & Scientiarum, & Incantationum delegentur, & publicentur*: That the Secret Things of Negromancy of Sciences, and Inchantments, shall be discovered, and made publick. But this Word *SCIENCES*, must be taken in another Sense than is usual: For, Ἐπιστήμη, *Scientia*, signifies any Skillfulness and Art, either Good or Bad. And so, the whole *Text* suits to the Religion and Ceremonies of the *Roman Church*: For their Cursings and Consecrations, &c. are, in good Earnest, but Inchantments; and their *Exorcism*, is but little better than plain *Negromancy*.

But as the *Text* suits to their Designes, that were then going on; *It* is worse than either of them: For Blood, and Murder, out-does *Both*.

But the Effect of these Aspects, was the Discovery of the then Damnable Designe, *i. e.* To Root out the Memory of the *Protestant Faith*, and to bring us again under the dismal Shades of

of *Rome*: From which, *Libera nos Domine.*

And let us beg of *GOD*, to Exercise his Mercy to us so far, that we may never want good Configurations in the Heavens, to discover such Contrived Villainies upon Earth; while the Name of *CHRIST* is mentioned among us.

And let every true *English*-Man say,

AMEN.

FINIS.

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